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keeps the doldrums away. This manual will show you how to plug in your APPLE II (easy) and be a guide as you learn to program it (also easy). If you are an Old Hand at programming, you will find some new features and conveniences in APPLE BASIC that make programming a lot more fun. If you are a Newcomer to programming, you will also find many features and conveniences in APPLE BASIC that make programming a lot of fun. But, if you are a Newcomer, be warned that programming, though not difficult, can only be learned by doing. More will be said on this topic later, but remember—this is a book to be used, not merely perused.

If you purchased your APPLE II from an authorized APPLE dealer, they will be willing to let you set your APPLE II up in their shop, and make sure you know how to set it up at home. If you received it as a gift or through the mail, it is not difficult to hook up—it is as easy as setting up a stereo system and no technical knowledge is needed at all.

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete and mail your Owner/Warranty Registration Card. This Registration Card will register your APPLE II with the factory, give you membership in the APPLE SOFTWARE BANK, and include you in the list of APPLE II owners. If you don't send us this card you will not receive any newsletters, information about new accessories for your APPLE II, nor any of the other information that is frequently mailed to APPLE II owners. So please mail in the completed card.

#### WHAT YOU WILL NEED

This manual was in the accessory box. This box should also contain:

- 1. The power cord (the cord that plugs into the outlet on the wall).
- 2. A set (2) of controllers (the boxes with knobs).
- A cable to connect the APPLE to a tape recorder. This cable has two plugs on each end.
- 4. Some cassette tapes. These tapes contain programs for the APPLE.

In addition to the APPLE II itself and the contents of the accessory box, you will need these two thing (neither are supplied):

- A Cassette recorder. If you do not own one, we recommend the Panasonic RQ309 (under \$40).
- 2. You will need one of the following items:
  - a. A color TV monitor and a cable that has a phono plug (also called a male RCA-type connector) at one end and something to match the monitor at the other end. The deafer that sells you the monitor can supply the cable.

or

b. An ordinary home color TV and an "RF Modulator" with the connecting cables. The RF Modulator changes the signal put out by the APPLE II so that it matches what your TV expects. A number of Modulators are available. There is one made especially for the APPLE II called the SUPERMOD II. Your computer dealer probably sold you one, or, if not, it can be ordered from—

> M&R Enterprises P.O. Box 61011 Sunnyvale, CA 94088

The Modulator has instructions on how to hook it up. Your TV's ability to receive normal programs will not be diminished (or enhanced) by having the APPLE II hooked up to it.

#### HOOKING UP THE TV

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If you have a color (or black and white) monitor, just connect the appropriate cable from the jack marked "VIDEO OUT" (on the rear of the APPLE II) to the input of the monitor.

If you have an ordinary TV, you will have to Install an RF modulator. Open the top of the APPLE II by pulling straight up on the back of the lid using both hands, one on each side. Then install the modulator following the directions that come with the modulator.

#### PLUGGING IN THE CONTROLLERS

With the lid open, plug the controllers' rather delicate plug into the **GAME** I/O socket located in the right-rear corner (front view) of the APPLE II board. Be very careful and make sure that all the pins go into the socket. The white dot should be toward the *front* of the computer.

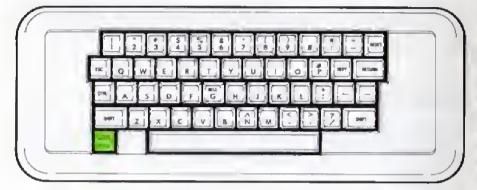
#### THE CASSETTE RECORDER

Uso the supplied cable (the one with two plugs on each end) to connect the APPLE II to your cassette tape recorder. Connect one black plug to the MIC or MICROPHONE jack on the recorder, and the other black plug (on the opposite end of the cable) to the jack on the back of the computer marked "CASSETTE OUT". Connect the grey plug on the recorder end to the EAR or EARPHONE or MON or MONITOR jack on the recorder (different brands use different words) and the grey plug on the computer end to the jack marked "CASSETTE IN". "OUT" means "out of the computer" and "IN" means "into the computer." Now the cassette recorder is hooked up.

Now close the top of the APPLE. Plug the APPLE end of the power cord into the APPLE (on the rear of the APPLE, next to the Power switch), and the other end into a three-prong grounded outlet. Now the APPLE II is completely set up and you have only to turn the page to begin exploring the fascinating world of personal computing.

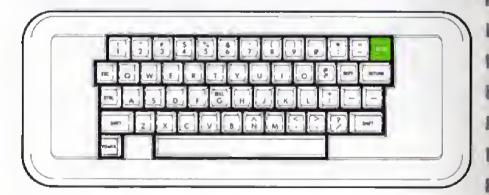
#### THE APPLE KEYBOARD

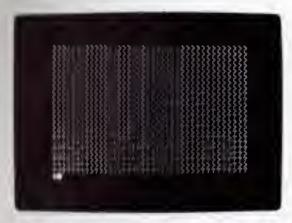
The first thing to do, now that all the connections have been made, is to turn the APPLE on. The switch is on the back of the computer. Push it into the upward position. You will be rewarded by the light at the bottom of the keyboard marked "POWER" coming on. This tight is not a key, and cannot be depressed.



Don't be concerned with what appears (or doesn't appear) on the TV screen at this point. So that you will be able to hear the computer, turn the TV's volume control all the way down. The TV's speaker is not used.

Whenever you turn the APPLE on, you have to press the key located in the upper right corner of the keyboard. Try it now. The APPLE will (if everything is OK) go "beep" when you release the key. The screen should show an asterisk (\*) in its lower left hand corner, with a blinking square to the right of the asterisk. The blinking square is called the cursor. At this point, don't worry about the rest of the screen, nor about what colors are showing, if any.





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Study the keyboard. If you are familiar with standard typewriters, you will find a few differences between the APPLE keyboard and a typewriter keyboard. First, there are no lower case letters. You can get only capital letters on the APPLE II. This is all you need for programming.



Using the diagram, locate the two size keys on the keyboard. The reason the keyboard has the size keys is to allew for nearly twice as many characters with the same number of keys. A keyboard with a separate key for each character would be very large, making it hard to find any desired key.

It you press a key which has two symbols on it, the lower symbol will appear on the screen. If you press the same key while you hold down either of the keys, the upper symbol will appear on the screen. You will find that the SHIFTed coma and the SHIFTed period are < and > respectively. You will also find other symbols on the APPLE II keyboard that are not on a standard typewriter. Feel Iree to try operating any of these keys. Watch the characters appear on the screen.

If there is no upper symbol on a key, then holding the star while the key is pressed has no effect. There are two exceptions: the M key and the 18 key.



The SHIFTed M key gives a right hand square bracket (]). The 1 key has the word "BELL" above the "G". But see G does not put a bell on the screen, it just puts a "G" there. The meaning of the word "BELL" on the 👩 key will be explained later.

An important difference between using the APPLE keyboard and most typewriters is that you cannot employ a lower case "L" for the number "1". Of course, there is no lower case "L" on the APPLE, but some typists will have to break the habit of reaching for the letter "L" when they mean the number "1".

When the Hindu mathematicians invented the open circle for the numeral zero, they didn't use the Roman alphabet. So they chose a symbol that, while not conflicting with their alphabet, looks just like our letter "O". The computer (and any straight-thinking individual) will want to keep zeros and oh's distinct. The usual method for doing this, on the APPLE II and many other computers, is to put a slash through the zero. Now you can tell them apart. The keyboard and the TV display both make the distinction clear. Try them.





After a bit of typing, the screen tends to get full of stuff. To clear the screen, you need to use the key marked [50], ESC stands for the word "ESCape." Press the key, and then type an "at" sign (@) which is obtained by holding down either see key and pressing the key marked . You have to operate three keys to clear the screen. First press the so, then, while holding down the press the key. Instant gratification: the contents of the screen promptly disappear.



#### **KEYBOARD NOTATION**

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At this point we will introduce a simple notation.

As you have seen, when a key is to be pressed, such as the key for the letter "H", that key's symbol will be shown []. To express pressing several keys in succession, we will simply list the keys in the order to be pressed:

On occasion, you will need to hold down one key while pressing another key. For example, to type a dollar-sign (\$) you must hold down the sign key while you pross the [] key. Whenever this dual action is required, we will show the symbols for both keys, one above the other.





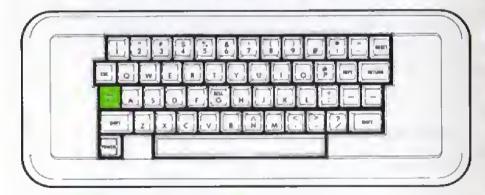
The above key is to be held down while the bottom key is pressed. Here's how to clear the screen using the new notation:



Try it.

#### CONTROL, AND OTHER UNSAVORY CHARACTERS

When you press the key, the numeral 5 appears on the TV screen. I'm sure you believe this is true, but try it anyway. If you hold the key down while pressing the key, a percent sign (%) should appear on the screen. Does it? The key permits some of the keys of the keyboard to have two different functions. Several of the keys also have a third function. The third function is obtained by holding the key down while other keys are pressed." CTRL" stands for the word "ConTRoL." Instead of putting new characters on the screen when you use the key, the computer responds by performing certain actions. Control characters never appear on the screen.



Hold the CIRL key down and press C



If doesn't go "ding," but it does go "beep." Whenever the computer wishes to call your attention to something, it will sound the beeper. Control G is called "BELL" for historical reasons. The present keyboard design is based on that of the Telotype, and on that venerable machine, Control G rings a real bell.

Now type

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By our conventions, this means to press the key, hold down the key while pressing the , and then press the key. As you can see, our new notation is easier to read than the written instructions.

When you press



a right-pointing arrowhead (>) should appear at the bottom of the screen. The blinking square (called the cursor, remember?) will be to its right. If this doesn't happen the first time, try again.



Another key that is not usually found on lypewriters is the



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which stands for "REPeaT." Holding down the [697] key while you press

any other key just makes that key's character appear repeatedly on the screen. Experiment with it. If you happen to press



you will sometimes get a "beep" and the message

#### \*\*\* SYNTAX ERR

will appear on the screen. For the time being, ignore this message.

The only keys left unmentioned are the right-and left-pointing arrows on the keyboard. They move the cursor to the right and the left. They will be explained more fully later. Test out these keys and any others you can find. There is nothing you can do by typing at the keyboard that can cause any damage to the computer. Unless you type with a hammer. So feel free to experiment. With your fingers.



#### **GETTING INTO BASIC**

To put the APPLE II into a mood to be receptive, press the keys









which not only gets you the **prompt** character (the right-pointing arrowhead: >) and the blinking square **cursor**, but also puts the APPLE II into the **BASIC** computer language. (More about what this means later.) For practice, turn the computer off; then turn it back on, and get it back into BASIC. If you don't get the arrowhead the first time, just try it again. Notice that you don't have to type in either the prompt character or the cursor. They are both generated by the computer for your use.

Now that you are "in BASIC" or have BASIC "up" (as they say), you are ready to set the volume control on the tape recorder.

#### SETTING THE TAPE RECORDER

When you play a tape recorder, it is usually with the intent of making sounds that you can hear. If it is too soft, you miss some of the words or music. If it is too loud, it is annoying. When you play the tape recorder into the APPLE, it is with the intent of putting the tape's information into the computer. If the volume setting is too soft, the APPLE will miss some of the information, and it will complain by giving an error message. If the volume setting is too loud, the APPLE will also complain.

To find the right volume setting, you will use a trial-and-error method. You will play a tape softly to the computer and see if the information got in OK. If it doesn't work, you will try the tape again, a little louder this time. If that doesn't work, you will make it a little louder still. Eventually the volume will be just right for the APPLE and it will say so.

Put the computer in BASIC and clear the screen for action:



Place the tape marked "COLOR DEMOS" into your recorder. For each position of the volume control you are going to do the following:

- 1. Rewind the tape to the beginning.
- 2. Start the tape playing.
- 3. Type:

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When you do this, the cursor will disappear. It may take up to 15 seconds before something happens. There are these possibilities:

- a. The message \*\*\* SYNTAX ERR appears.
- b. Nothing at all happens.
- c. The message E PP appears (with or without a beep).
- d. The message \*\*\*- MEM FULL ERR or FULL ERR appears (with or wilhout a beep).
- e. The computer goes "beep" and nothing appears.

In case a., do not reset the volume control, but go back to step 1, where you rewind the tape.

In cases b. and c., make sure you waited for 15 seconds before giving up. If there is no prompt character or cursor, and the APPLE does not respond to its keyboard, put the computer into BASIC again:









Set the volume control a bit higher and go back to step 1.

In case d., set the volume control a bit higher and go back to step 1.

In case **e**., you are on the right track. When you hear the beep, wait another fifteen seconds. Either you will get an error message (case c. or **d**.), or the prompt character (>) and the blinking cursor will reappear. If they do reappear, stop and rewind the tape. Then type









The screen should look like this:



Computerniks call this list of numbered descriptions a "menu." It works like a menu at a roadside cafe. If you want scrambled eggs with hash brown potatoes, toast, jelly and coffee you can just say, "I'll have a number 5." Try selecting one of the color demonstrations by typing its number (followed by a course). When you are viewing one of the demos, just press the space bar to

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#### A HELPFUL HINT

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What is it that the computer finds so interesting about these tapes? Listen to one of them. It's not music to your ears. Yet you can recognize some of the sounds the computer listens for. The information starts with a steady tone. Then there is a short "blip" followed by more of the steady tone. The tone is at 1000 cycles per second. This pitch is just below the C two octaves above middle C. Alter the tone comes a burst of sound rather reminiscent of a rainstorm.

When you are used to the sound of a good tape, you can quickly check a tape by ear to see if it is a computer tape or not. If you can tell what the tape contains by listening to it, you are a mutant, and will go far in the computer world.

#### STOPPING THE COMPUTER

To stop the computer, type







This will cause the prompt character and blinking cursor to appear. The prompt character tells you that it is OK to proceed with typing information to the computer. That is why it is called the **prompt** character: it "prompts" you to type something.

Once the computer is stopped, it may be started again by typing







(and, of course, a taux), but you hardly need to be told that anymore. In fact, you won't be, from now on.)

Use





to stop the computer, and

#### RUN

to start it again. Try this a few times.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU HIT BY ACCIDENT

Sometimes when you reach to press the RETURN key you may accidentally strike the nearby RESET key — or you may hit RESET for some other reason. To get back into BASIC after hitting the RESET key, type





This will get you the prompt character (>) back, and you will not have lost any information you may have read in from the cassette tape. You could get the prompt character back by typing





but this would cause any information stored in the computer to be lost. When you try these features, remember that we are no longer mentioning the required except for an occasional reminder.

#### THE USUAL PROCEDURE FOR LOADING TAPES

- 1. Make sure the computer is in BASIC
- 2. Rewind the tape
- 3. Start the tape playing
- 4. Type LOAO

After you hit struct the cursor will disappear. Nothing happens from 5 to 20 seconds, and then the APPLE beeps. This means that the tape's information has started to go into the computer. After some more time (depending on how much information was on the tape, but usually less than a few minutes) the APPLE beeps again and the prompt character and the cursor reappear.

- Stop the tape recorder and rewind the tape. The information has been transferred, and you are finished with the tape recorder for the time being.
- 6. Type

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and your program will begin to execute.

Computerniks use many different words to describe the process of taking information from a tape and putting the information into the computer. The computer is said to "read" (pronounced "reed") the tape. The information on the tape is said to be "entered" or "read" (pronounced "red") into the computer. The act of reading a tape is also called "loading" a tape into the computer and the information on the tape is said to be "loaded into" the computer. All these expressions are ways of saying the same thing.

#### SETTING THE TV COLOR

If the "menu" is not on your TV screen, follow the USUAL PROCEDURE for loading the tape marked "COLOR DEMOS." One of the items on the menu is called COLOR NAMES. We will use this DEMO to set the TV color. Type in the number of the COLOR NAMES DEMO, 1, and press RETURN. A number of bars of light (perhaps in color) will appear. Under each bar is a four letter abbreviation of a color name. The full names are:

0 BLACK	8	BROWN
1 MAGENTA (a slightly bluish red)	9	ORANGE
2 DARK BLUE	10	GREY
3 PURPLE (a light purple, lavender)	11	PINK
4 DARK GREEN		GREEN
5 GREY	13	<b>YELLOW</b>
6 MEDIUM BLUE	14	AQUA
7 LIGHT BLUE	15	WHITE



If you have a black-and-white television, adjust the brightness and contrast until you are pleased. Of course, if the picture is flipping over, stop it the way you would for any TV show. If you have a color set, a bit more work is necessary.

Remember that this color business is quite subjective, and that you can do whatever you want with the color. The following instructions will give the picture that we like, using the standard colors. But it's your eyes you've got to please. Besides, the optimum settings will vary with different amounts of room light as well.

Turn off any Automatic Color switch. On some sets it is marked "AUTO COLOR" or simply "AUTO." Turn the TV set volume control all the way down (but don't turn the set off). Four controls are now important: Picture, Brightness, Color and Hue. Some sets have a knob marked "Contrast" rather than "Picture," but it does the same thing. Turn the Picture control to its dimmest position, and then turn down the Brightness until the background *just* goes completely dark. Turn the Color control to the middle of its range. Now turn up the Picture control to make things brighter. Do not make it so bright that the colors "spill" off the edges of the bars too much.

Now adjust the Color knob. At one extreme, all color is lost and the picture is black and white. This setting is handy when you are just showing text on the screen. Adjust the Color control until the colors are intense but not "blooming" or spilling into one another. Lastly, adjust the Hue knob until all the colors agree with their names. Purple, Pink and Yellow are especially sensitive indicators. Also, make sure that the three Blues are distinct.

When the TV set's colors are OK, hit the space bar and the menu will reappear. Now try DEMO 2, which shows the color bars with their code numbers. Also try the other demonstrations. You'll never believe how talented your TV is until you replace the local stations with your APPLE II.

#### PLAYING BREAKOUT

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Put the tape labeled "BREAKOUT" into your recorder. Use the USUAL PROCEDURE for getting the tape loaded, of course. The screen will look like the photo on the left when you **RUN** the program. After the game announces itself, the screen suddenly changes to look like the photo on the right.





When asked, type your name, and then hit round, as usual. We will type, for example, (as it appears on the screen):

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The APPLE will respond with a question:

Before answering this earthshaking question, we should mention a few things that can go wrong. If you put in a name that is just too long for the poor game program to handle, the computer will say

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This stands for "STRing OVerFLow ERRor," which is just the computer's way of saying, "Enough, already!" Don't be alarmed, just type

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If you accidentally hit the RESET key instead of the RESEN key (it can happen), the screen will light up. Don't panic. You know what to do. Hit





of course. Don't forget that we are no longer mentioning return every time it is necessary.

Try deliberately making some errors, such as giving the computer a name that's too long, or "accidentally" hitting the key, so that you can get some confidence in your ability to recover from errors.

Meanwhile, back at the BREAKOUT program, MR. APPLESEED had been asked if he wanted the standard colors. This time around he does. So type

#### YES

and be ready with the game controller.

"Which controller?" you ask. Try them both. One of them will make the paddle (the blue rectangle at the left of the screen) move up and down. The idea is to bounce the ball off the paddle. You lose the ball if it hits the left edge of the playing area. You get one point for hitting bricks in the first row, two for bricks in the next and so on.

When you have run out of balls, or have won the game (by getting a score of 720) you will be asked the question

#### SAME COLORS?

To play again using the same colors, just type

#### ZES

Of course, you are free to say

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if you wish, and see what happens. But we'll let you ligure that one out. Have fun.

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#### **BEGINNING BASIC**

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If you are already in BASIC, of course, you needn't bother.

Now that you have the prompt character (>) and the blinking cursor on the screen, you are ready to begin using the BASIC language. Type

#### HELLO'

and the computer will print the word "HELLO" on the next line. If it didn't, ask yourself this question: "Did I forget the print of the grant of the

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If you forget both quotes, the computer will print a zero (you can tell it's a zero by the slash):

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#### The statement

#### I FIRT 'HELLO

is an instruction to the computer telling it to display on the screen all the characters between the quotes—in this case a word of greeting. You can place any message you wish between the quotes. However, if you try to **PRINT** something that is much longer than 100 characters, you may get the message

TOO LONG EFF

If you type much beyond 240 characters, the computer will start to beep, then give you a backward slash and let you start over again.



Now try the statement

FRINT "150"

The computer obediently prints the number 150 on the next line, as expected.

But type

PRINT 150

and the computer again prints the number, without any fuss or error message about the missing quotation marks. In fact, the APPLE II will let you PRINT any integer between 32767 and -32767 without enclosing it in quotes.

Without further study, the APPLE II can be used as a simple-minded desk calculator. This calculator only operates with integers (numbers such as 67 or 935 or -72, but not 3.14 or 56.9). There is a program on cassette tape to handle numbers with decimal points (AppleSoft Floating Point BASIC). This program is for APPLE II systems having 16K or more memory and is covered in a separate manual.

Try this on your APPLE:

FFINT 3+4

The answer, 7, appears on the next line. The APPLE can do six different elementary arithmetic operations:

- 1. ADDITION. Indicated by the usual plus sign (+)
- 2. SUBTRACTION. Use the conventional minus sign (-)
- 3. MULTIPLICATION. This is more difficult. Many people use an "X" to represent multiplication. This could be confused with the letter "X." Some people use a dot (.), but this could be confused with a period or a decimal point. So the APPLE uses an asterisk (\*). To find 7 times 8 (in case you don't remember), just type

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and have your memory jogged.

4. DIVISION. As is customary, use a slash (/). To divide 63 by 7, type

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and the correct answer will appear.

Try dividing 3 by 2. The correct answer is one and one-half. But the computer stubbornly insists that the answer is one! Try it. This is because the computer only gives you the *number of times* the divisor goes into the dividend. To get the romainder (remember the remainder, from grade school?), you have to use the next arithmetic operation.

5. MOD. Say you wanted to divide 13 by 5. You know to type

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This will give you an answer of 2. Try it. Two times five, however, is only 10, not 13. There is a remainder of 3. If you type

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the computer will print the remainder of 3. Thus the expression "13 MOD 5" means "find the remainder upon dividing 13 by 5". "MOD", by the way, stands for the mathematical term "MODulo," and a mathematician would say "13 modulo 5 is 3." But all computer nuts just say "MOD".

You may wonder if you need to skip spaces, as in 13 MOD 5. Try it and find out. Very often it will be faster for you to try something out on the computer than to look it up in the manual. Besides, the computer is always right, and the manual could be wrong.

Another thing we should point out is that you can use a number of arithmetic operations on the same line. For example, it is legal to say

FF11 24 + 744

The exact rules governing such usage will be given later, but you can experiment with it now if you wish.

6. **EXPONENTIATION.** It is often handy to multiply a number by itself a given number of times. Instead of bothering to write

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you can substitute the shorthand

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The upward pointing arrow is typed:



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In normal mathematical notation, this would be written with a superscript five, like this: 45

If you are not familiar with exponentiation, don't worry. It isn't needed very often.



#### WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT 32767?

Whenever you do something that the APPLE II doesn't like or understand, it gives you an error message. While it is rather abrupt and curt about it (Beep! You goofed!), the APPLE is trying to be helpful. The APPLE II has a rather limited range of numbers that it can handle in calculations. The largest number is 32767, and the smallest number is -32767. It can use -32768 internally, but the smallest answer it can *PRINT* is -32767. From now on, we will forget that -32768 exists on the APPLE. Any attempt to calculate a number outside of the range -32767 to +32767 will give you this message:

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Some neat ways of getting this error message are:

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These statements will get you error messages because: division by zero is a no-no in mathematics, 6 to the 6th power (6s) is 6\*6\*6\*6\*6\*6\*6 or 46656 which is larger than 32767, and 56789 is larger than 32767, too. Getting this error message is not a disaster. Just fix whatever is wrong and carry on.

It is possible, through programming, to handle numbers of any size on the APPLE II. However, the techniques for doing so are outside the scope of this manual.

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So lar, you have been hitting after every line, like a zombie. We thought we might tell you why this button gets so overworked. The reason is simple: without the reason is completed the instruction. For example, you might start typing

FRINT 4+5

If the computer immediately jumped in and printed a 9, you might be upset because you had planned to type

RINT 4+5+346

which would have given a different answer entirely. Since the computer can't tell when you have linished typing an instruction, you must tell the computer. You do this by pressing the RELEN key. Since you always have to do this after typing an instruction, we have (as you know) stopped mentioning requirements after every instruction. Hitting requirements should be a habit by now, if you have been doing all the examples.

We really hope you have been trying all the examples. Learning to program is very much like learning to ride a bicycle, play the piano, or throw a baseball. You can read all the books in the world on the subject of bicycle riding, and be a great "paper expert." But all this book-learning is of little help when you actually get on a bicycle for the first time. Once you have learned to ride through experience (which can be a bit painful), you can go almost anywhere. The same is true of programming. You can read this manual and think you understand it. But you won't be able to program. Only if you do each example, as it is given, will you learn to program. That's the truth.

#### EASY EDITING FEATURES. or: WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU HIT



No one is a perfect typist. We make mysteaks (Oops. See what I mean?). The APPLE II has several features that aid in correcting errors, thereby saving you the effort of retyping a whole line for each goof. This is where the left-and right-pointing arrows on the keyboard come in.



The left-pointing arrow is rather like the backspace key on a typewriter. A few experiments will make this clear. Type (exactly as shown) the statement:

#### PRINT COMPUTER"

and, as usual, press the RETURN key. The computer will reply

#### \*\*\* SYNTAX ERR

because of the missing quote. Now if we had typed

#### PRINT "COMPUTER"

the computer would have responded with

#### COMPUTER

Don't believe this manual . Try it. Now, without pressing remain, type the "rnistaken" instruction:

#### H COMPUTEX"

Since you haven't pressed must, nothing has happened yet. As shown in the photograph, the cursor is sitting to the right of the last quote. (Sorry, we can't make the photo blink)



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we can use the left-pointing arrow key. Notice that each time you press this key, the blinking cursor moves back (to the left) one space. We will call this key the backspace from now on. "Backspace" is also a verb. So backspace the cursor back to the "X". Type an <a> .</a> As you see, the "R" replaces the "X". Now press



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from the computer? That is because you backspaced over the quote. Any character that is backspaced over is not sent to the computer when you press One solution would be to correct the X by backspacing to it, and then type









Try it.

It works! Now type this error (don't press error):

#### PRINT "COMEUTER"

Backspace to the incorrect "F." Type "P." This leaves you in the condition shown in the next photo.



To complete the word, we could (as we did before) retype all the characters backspaced over. There is, however, an easier way. When you press the right-pointing arrow, the cursor moves to the right. As the cursor moves to the right across a character, it has the same effect as if that character had been retyped. To complete the correction, then, merely press the right arrow five more times, and then press (RETURN). Does it all work? The use of the left and right cursor-moving keys will save you a lot of time. Make a point of using them a number of times on your own "mistakes," so that these keys become familiar.

#### PUTTING COLORS ON THE SCREEN

To put color graphics on the screen,we need a way to decribe which color out of the sixteen available colors we want and where we want it. To specify where a color goes, we divide the screen into forty columns, numbered zero through thirty-nine. The zero column is at the left, and the numbers increase to the right. You may wonder why the numbers didn't go from one through forty, instead of zero through thirty-nine. As you get more experience programming, you will find that the choice we have made is somewhat handier, even though it may not seem that way at first.



The screen is also divided into forty rows, again numbered zero to thirty-nine starting at the top of the screen and moving downwards. These rows cut across the columns, partitioning each column into 40 "bricks" numbered zero (the top brick) through thirty-nine (the bottom one). Those who like format terminology will recognize that this is merety a system of rectangular Cartesian co-ordinates. Those who don't like fancy talk can just think in terms of columns of bricks.



For the purposes of using the screen colorfully, type the following instruction:

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You remembered the RETURN, no doubt. When you use this command the screen wipes itself clean, leaving only four lines for text at the bottom. The "GR" stands for GRaphics. To get back to things as they were (before you typed GR) you use the command

#### TEAT

When you type this command the screen will suddenly change to a lot of "at" signs (@). This is normal. Try typing the TEXT instruction, and then getting back

to graphics by typing the GR instruction.

Before you can place a dot of color on the screen, you must tell the computer what color you want it to be. There are sixteen colors available. You have seen them before. Each one has a *number* from zero to fifteen, as shown in COLOR DEMO 2.



Suppose you want to put a green dot somewhere. You first type

#### COLOR=12

This means that any dot (or spot or brick) of color that you place will be green. In fact, *until otherwise instructed*, everything the computer puts on the screen will be green. Except, of course, for the small area reserved at the bottom of the screen for your instructions. To put a spot of color in the upper left-hand corner of the screen (zeroth column, top or zeroth brick), you type

#### PLOT 0,0

To put a spot of the same color in the upper *right*-hand corner, you must specify the 39th column, zeroth brick. So type

#### PLOT 39,0

Notice that you always give the **column first**. Let's put an orange brick at the lower left-hand corner. First, change the color. Type (Remember—you should really be doing these exercises, not just thinking about them. So, put out your fingers and type):

#### COLOR=9

Nothing happens on the upper, graphic portion, of the screen (even if you did remember to hit remember.). But the computer remembers that when you next **PLOT** something, it will be in orange, not in green. Now that we have chosen the color, we can put a dot in the lower left-hand corner. That's the zeroth column, and the thirty-ninth brick,

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Did it work? Did you forget to type ( Is orange your favorite color? Now put a magenta dot in the lower right-hand corner. Figure it out for yourself.



#### PLOT ERROR MESSAGES

There are two error messages that can easily turn up when you are using the PLOT statement. You already know that if you typed

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instead of

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you would get the message

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The first new error message occurs when you write a number higher than those permitted for coordinates in a PLOT command. Type

LJT 13,85

and you get the message

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This message means that you have tried to plot a point out of range and off the screen. The highest numbers you can use in a **PLOT** statement are 39 for the first coordinate, and 47 for the second. Use of numbers over 39 for the second coordinate, as in a statement such as

#### PLOT 20,45

will just give you peculiar characters in the text area at the bottom of the screen.

If you try to use negative values in a PLOT command, you get a somewhat surprising error message. The statement

PLOT 22,-8

will give the seemingly illogical message

\*\*\* >255 ERR

Don't worry, it is just the APPLE trying to tell you that you used a negative number in a **PLOT**. Other mistakes can also give you these two messages, but those will be discussed later.

#### **DRAWING LINES**

Suppose you want to draw a light blue horizontal line from the fifth column to the ninth column at the 14th brick level. You could type

COLOR=7

PLOT 5,14

PLOT 6.14

PLOT 7,14

PLOT 8,14

FLOT 9,14

Notice that the joints between adjacent bricks do not show, and it looks like a continuous line. However, there is an easier way to do horizontal lines. There had better be. Suppose you want to draw a light green line across the middle of the screen. Using the long way, it would take forty typed statements:

COLOR=12

PLOT 0,20

PLOT 1,20

PLOT 2,28

and so on, until

PLOT 39,20

The easier way is this: Just type

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Press the **Equal** key, and there you have it: an instant Horizontal LINe from column 0 to column 39 at the 20th brick level.



NOTE: The grid shown on the screen is for illustrative purposes only, and does not appear on your screen.

Now try to place a purple line from the 19th to the 28th column at the 18th level. Try a few others. Doing about 6 different horizontal lines should give you the hang of it.

Notice that when you put a colored dot or line at the same location as an existing dot or line, the new color takes over, and the old color disappears. To clear the screen of all graphics at once, use the **GR** command.

There is a provision for automatic vertical lines similar to that for horizontal lines. To draw a light green vertical line from the 11th to the 32nd row at column 7, we type:

COLOR=12

VLIN 11,32 AT 7

Try this statement.



NOTE: The grid shown on the screen is for illustrative purposes only, and does not appear on your screen.

Practice making several more vertical lines by changing the numbers for the rows and column. You can test your proficiency with both horizontal and vertical lines by drawing a magenta border around the screen in five statements. Then put a green cross on the screen. Try drawing some lines with **COLOR = 0**. Play with **PLOT**, **HLIN** and **VLIN** for a while. This manual's usefulness to you will self-destruct in five seconds if you don't experiment with these commands. **Pfffsssss**.

#### THE GAME CONTROLS

Grab the control that you used in playing BREAKOUT. With the other hand type

PRINT PDL(0)

and a number should appear. Move the control a bit. Now type

PRINT PDL(0)

again. Experiment with moving the control and typing

PRINT PDL(0)

If the number never changes, you've got the wrong control. What are the highest and lowest numbers you can get? What is the smallest change you can make?

You can discover the position of the other control by PRINTing PDL(1). The abbreviation "PDL" comes from the word "PADDLE" since these controls are most often used to control "paddles" in games. As we shall see, there are many other uses for these controls.

#### PIGEONHOLES AND MORE CALCULATOR ABILITIES

On many simple calculators you can save a number for later reference or use. To do this, you put the number into a special place in the calculator—a place we shall call, for now, a pigeonhole. Usually this is done by pressing a key marked "M" for "Memory." On the APPLE II you can do the same thing. For instance, to save the value 77, you type

M = 77

The value, 77, is not printed, just stored in the pigeonhole called M. If you now type

PRINT M

the computer will print the value of M. Try typing the two statements.

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and PRINT the value of M. It is 324, right? What happened to the 77? It is gone forever. The pigeonhole can hold only one value at a time. When you put a new value in M, the old value is erased.

Type

I PINT "M"

What happens? There is a big difference between

M

and

"M"

It is just like the difference between these two statements in English:

MICE HAVE FOUR FEET.

"MICE" HAS FOUR LETTERS.

In one case we are referring to little furry things with long tails. In the other case we are referring to the word itself. This is how quotes are used in computerese. When we say

PRINT "M"

we mean to print the letter itself. When we say

PRINT M

we mean to print what the letter stands for. You would never confuse the name of someone you love with the actual person that name stands for.

You can store the result of a computation in a pigeonhole. For example:

11-4+5

You can see that the answer has been stored by PRINTing the value of M.

You can also use the value of M in further computations. For example, try this on your APPLE;

M-5\*6

PRINT M+2

Is the answer what you expected? Try some other calculations using M.

A simple calculator has one pigeonhole. Computers have hundreds or thousands of pigeonholes, The formal term for pigeonholes is **variables**. But this term is somewhat misleading since pigeonholes don't behave like "vari-

ables" in mathematics. They are much simpler. Each one is merely e place where one value is stored. But we will defer to common usage. Just forget the math you've learned. In the APPLE II all variables have the value of zero until you put something into them. To reset all the pigeonholes to zero you type







Note that the instruction







does not reset the variables.

A pigeonhole, or variable, can have almost any name that you like, so long as it starts with a letter. For example:

SUM=56+34+1523+8

GAMEPOINTS=45

PLRYER2=9

Some names are not allowed because they include a word that has a special meaning to the APPLE II. These ere known as **reserved words**. One of these words is "COLOR." Thus a variable's name must not have the word "COLOR" in it. Try typing

THISCOLOR=6

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#### COLORFUL=9

All you get for your pains is an error message. Whenever a variable name gives you the \*\*\*\* SYNTRX ERR error message, it means that you have unwittingly included a reserved word in the name. Don't worry. Just choose another name. Names must also be less than about one hundred characters long. Not much of a limitation. When you are choosing names, make them reflect the use to which they are being put. This will make them easier to remember.

Here is a useful trick. Let's say that you had some value in the variable PRICE, and you wanted to increase this value by 5. One way you could do this would be to PRINT the value of PRICE, then add 5 to that value, and finally store the resulting value back in PRICE. For instance:

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PRINT PRICE

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But see how much easier it is to type

PRICE=PRICE+5

Try these statements:

PRICE=2

PRINT PRICE

PRICE=PRICE+3

PRINT PRICE

PRICE=PRICE\*6

PRINT PRICE

PRICE=PRICE/10

PRINT PRICE

At the end of this sequence of statements, you will probably have the value 3. Is this correct? Is this what you expected? Try this sequence:

PLAYER=55

OPPONENT=11

WUOTIENT=PLAYER/OPPONENT

PRINT QUOTIENT

First think what answer you expect, then see if you are right. If you are not, find out why. Lastly, try these statements:

HELL0=128

PRINT "HELLO"

HELLO=HELLO/2

PRINT "HELLO"

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PRINT HELLO

What did you expect? What did you get?

#### SIMULATING A PAIR OF DICE

Try this on you APPLE:

PRINT RND(6)

Now, try it about 10 more times. Really, Just try it, then read on.

Each time you typed that instruction into the computer it PRINTed a number. It is not likely that you can predict what number will come up next. If you can, you are either a computer or have ESP. The numbers that were PRINTed were all less than six and nene were less than zero. The reason that they are, for most practical purposes, unpredictable, is that you were using the RaN-Dom function. If LIMIT is a positive number, then

RND(LIMIT)

is an integer trom zero through LIMIT-1. Thus RND(6) gives 0 or 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5. Similarly the statement

PRINT RND(3)

would display either a 0 or a 1 or a 2.

To simulate a pair of dice we need two random numbers, each between 1 and 6, inclusive. Since RND(6) gives a number between zero and tive, inclusive, it is pretty obvious that

RND(6) + 1

gives a random number between 1 and 6, inclusive. The statements

PRINT RND(6)+1 PRINT RND(6)+1

will simulate the throw of a pair of dice. In the same vein, try the following statements

REDDICE=RND(6)+1
WHITEDICE=RND(6)+1
PRINT REDDICE
PRINT WHITEDICE

RND is a function. A function, in BASIC, is something that takes one or more numbers and then performs some operation on them to yield a single value. The numbers that the function uses are called its *arguments* and are always put in parentheses after the function name. RND is a function that has one argument. The number the function finds is said to be *returned* to the program. The RND function *returns* a random number between zero and one less than the argument, inclusive. This is only true, by the way, it the argument is positive. If you make the argument to the RND function negative, RND does something a bit different. You can find out what it does with just a few experiments.

## PRECEDENCE or: WHO'S ON FIRST?

At certain old-fashioned banquets, the people were served their food according to a strict plan: first the guest of honor, then the female guests (in order of the rank of their husbands), then the male guests (in order of rank), and finally the host. No matter where they were seated, the waiter went among them choosing the appropriate persons to be served next. We could say there was a certain *precedence* among the diners. In a simple calculation like

#### FRINT 4+8/2

you can't tell whether the answer should be 6 or 8, until you know in which order (or precedence) to carry out the arithmetic. If you add the 4 to the 8, you got 12. If you then divide 12 by 2, you get 6. That's one possible answer. However, if you add 4 to eight-divided-by-two, you have 4 plus 4, or 8. This is another possible answer. Eight is the answer your APPLE II will give. Here's how the APPLE chooses the order in which to do arithmetic:

1. When the minus sign is used to indicate a negative number, for example

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the APPLE will first apply the minus sign to its appropriate number or variable. Thus -3+2 evaluates to -1. If the APPLE did the addition first, -3+2 would evaluate to -5. But it doesn't. Another example is

BRIAN=6

#### PRINT -BRIAN+10

The answer is 4. (Notice, though, that in the expression 5-3 the minus sign is indicating *subtraction*, *not* a negative number.)

2. After applying all minus signs, the APPLE then does exponentiations. The expression

#### 4+32

is evaluated by squaring three (three times three is nine), and then adding four, for a grand total of 13. When there are a number of exponentiations, they are done from left to right, so that

#### 2 3 2

has the value 64, and not 512.

**3.** After all exponentiations have been calculated, all multiplications and divisions and MODs are done, from left to right. Arithmetic operators of equal procedence are always evaluated from left to right. Multiplication (\*), division (/), and MOD have equal precedence.

**4.** Lastly, all additions and subtractions are done, from left to right. Addition (+) and subtraction (-) have equal precedence.

Let's summarize the APPLE's order of precedence for carrying out mathematical operations:

First: - (minus signs used to indicate negative numbers)

Second: ^ (exponentiations, from left to right)

Third: MOD \* / (MOD, multiplications and divisions, from left to right)

Fourth: + - (additions and subtractions, from left to right)

Below, you will find some arithmetic expressions to evaluate. With each one, first do it in your head (or with the help of a hand-held calculator, or pencil and paper), and then try it on the APPLE. If your own answer is different from the APPLE's answer, try to find out why. We will give only the expressions here. You will have to put a PRINT in front of each one to get its value from the computer.

Unless you have a lot of experience with the way computers evaluate expressions, you should actually do these examples. Don't do them all at once and then check with the computer. Do an example by hand and then do it on the computer. Then go on to the next one. And so on.

3+2 4+6-2+1 8\*4 4^2+1 5-4/2 4/2-2 6\*-2+6/3+8 4+-2 2^2^3+1 2\*2\*3+1 2\*2\*3+1 2\*2+1\*3 2\*2\*1+3 8/2/2/1 8\*2/2+3\*2^2\*1

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No answers are given in this book. Your APPLE will give you the correct answers.

#### **HOW TO AVOID PRECEDENCE**

Suppose you want to divide 12 by four-plus-two. If you write

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you will get 12-divided-by-four, with two added on. But this is not what you wanted. To accomplish what you wanted in the first place, you can write

12/(4+2)

The parentheses modify the precedence. The rule the computer follows is simple: do what is in parentheses first. If there are parentheses within parentheses, do the *innermost* parentheses first. Here is an example:

12/(3+(1+2)^2)

In this case, doing the innermost parentheses, you first add 1+2. Now the expression is, effectively,

12/(3+3^2)

But you know that 3+3^2 is 3+9 or 12. So the expression has now been simplified to 12/12, which is one.

In a case like (9+4)\*(1+2), where there is more than one set of parentheses, but they are not "nested" one inside the other, you just work from left to right. This expression becomes 13\*3, or 39.

Here are some more expressions to evaluate. Again, if you are not familiar with computers, the few minutes you spend actually working these expressions out and trying them on the APPLE will be very valuable. You will be well repaid for your efforts by being able to use the computer more effectively, incidentally, these rules for precedence and parentheses hold good for most computer systems anywhere in the world, not just the APPLE II.

7 MOD (3+2)
44/(2+2)
(44/2)+2
3+(-2\*2)
3+-2)\*2
100 (200/(1\*(9-5)))

(1+(7/3)+(5/4)) (Remember how division works?

No remainders!)

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#### **DEFERRED EXECUTION**

No, this section is not on last minute reprieves for condemned criminals. Up to now, when you typed

FRINT 3+4

and hit recomputer would do what you told it to do, immediately. When a computer performs according to the statement you have given it, it is said to execute that statement. Thus, you have been using the computer to do immediate execution of each statement you have typed on the APPLE's keyboard.

You are about to learn how to store statements for execution at a later time (deferred execution). To make sure that the computer is cleared, type

REU

Like everything else you have seen, **NEW** has to be followed by a **NEW**. You tell the computer to **store** a statement by typing a number before the statement when you type it in. For example, if you type

168 PRINT 3+4

nothing seems to happen, even if you press return. The APPLE II has stored the statement. To see that it has stored the statement, you type the instruction

LIST

Try it. Unless you mistyped something (and probably got a \*\*\* SYNTAX ERR for your effort),

188 PRINT 3+4

appears on the screen. Now type the statement

RUH

and the answer

7

appears on the screen. You also get a message saying

\*\*\* NO END ERF

For the time being, just ignore this message, which will appear many times. This message indicates that the computer has finished executing (or attempt-

ing to execute) your stored statement. Pretend that it says "\*\*\*DONE."

Typing RUN caused your stored statement to be executed, but the computer has not forgotten the statement. You can RUN the same statement as many times as you like. Try it.

What's more, the computer does not forget the stored statement when you clear the screen. Clear the screen as follows:

\$146F7





and type

L.ST

The computer has not forgotten the stored statement. Clear the screen and type

1.4

The computer faithfully executes the stored statement. Type

11F

and then

LIT

and see what happens. Typing NEW has caused the stored statement to be lost permanently. Type

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and you get the message

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but nothing else. That is because your old statement has been erased by the NEW statement.

It is possible to store many statements by giving each of them a different number. Try typing this:

1 'FINT "HELLL"

FRIHT 4-5

PIN e. McE 10

Nothing much has happened so far. But now type

LI

4

and watch the answers appear.



The numbers that we put in front of statements in order to tell the computer to store them are called line numbers. The computer stores and executes statements in order of increasing line number. To see this in action, erase the statements you stored by typing

#### NEW

and then type these statements:

1 PRINT "P"

6 PRINT "A"

3 PRINT "E"

2 PRINT "L"

Notice that zero is an allowed line number. The highest line number that you can use is 32767. Now RUN these instructions. The results should look like this:

H

To see what has happened inside the computer, type

#### LIST

Notice that you do not have to LIST a set of instructions before you RUN them. It is, however, a good idea to do so.

A set of instructions that is executed when you type RUN is called a program. You have just typed and executed a computer program.

The program was meant to print

but, it seems, a PRINT statement was left out. How can you add it in? Only by retyping the statements with line numbers 2 and 3, as statements 3 and 4 and adding a new line number 2. To make the corrections type this:

FPINT "P" : PRINT "L" 4 PRINT "E"

To see what has happened, LIST the program.

Notice that in whatever order statements are entered, the APPLE II stores them with their line numbers in numerically ascending order. Now RUN this program.

It was a bother to have to retype those statements in order to merely add one in the middle. It is therefore good programming practice to leave some line number room between lines, and before the first line. Type

11 6

to eliminate that program and put in this one:

1 1 PRINT "C" 110 PRINT "T"

When you RUN this program it doesn't quite print the word "CAT" vertically. But now you can go back and type

105 PRINT "A"

LIST and RUN this program. From now on this book will start all programs at a reasonably high line number (100 or more) and increment them by 10.

#### **ELEMENTARY EDITING**

Earlier, you discovered that the instruction

THI POLCO

would print a number corresponding to the present position of one of the game controls. It took quite a number of PRINTs to discover very much about the control. Now that you can write programs, life is much easier. Clear the computer with a

#### NEW

and type

100 PRINT PDL(0)

Now, each time you type RUN this short program is executed and you get to see the position of the game control. It you are getting tired of the \*\*\* NO you can get rid of it by putting in the instruction FND ERR

#### 900 END

It doesn't matter what line number the END statement has, as long as the line number chosen makes it the last statement executed in a program. You have a choice of either putting in the END statement, or getting the error message. The program will run essentially the same with or without the END statement at the end.

For doing something more than once, the stored program is already saving you some work. Before, you had to retype a whole statement or group of statements. Now, you merely retype

#### RUN

Deferred execution confers another advantage. You can modify part of a program and leave the rest the same, without having to retype the whole thing. For example:

#### HEW

200 POSITION=PDL(0)

210 PRINT POSITION

228 PRINT "MOVE THE GAME CONTROL"

230 PRINT "TO A NEW POSITION"

#### 240 END

RUN this program a few times, changing the game control's setting between RUNs. Check to see if the program responds to both game controls. It should work for only one of them. You might take this opportunity to mark this control with the number zero.

This same program can be used, with a slight change, to look at the other game control. List the program the way it is now, then type

200 POSITION=PDL(1)

When you type a statement with the same line number as one that already oxists in a program, the new line replaces the old one. LIST the program to see how it has changed. RUN it a few times to see what happens. Move the other game control between RUNs. Does this program respond to both controls? Mark a number ene on the control to which this program responds.

Moditying a program in this way is one example of editing a program. You will learn other ways to edit programs later in this book.

As you have seen, there are several commands that help you deal with whole programs. They are

NEW

which erases programs,

LIST

which displays programs, and

RUH

to II

E

4 9

1 0 D 300

which executes programs, beginning with the statement having the lowest line number. It is also possible to start execution elsewhere, and to LIST only part of a program. These abilities will be covered later.

#### **ELEMENTARY AEROBATICS**

At this point you are beginning to fly, so this section will discuss loops.

The best way to see how the PDL function works-and to understand program "loops"-is to use a statement we haven't discussed, until now, It's very simple. Type the following lines (after clearing any old programs that might be around):

10 PRINT POL(0) 28 GOTO 18

Line 10 of this program PRINTs the number representing the current value of the game control. Line 20 does just what it seems to say: it causes program execution to go to line 10. What happens then? The program PRINTs the current value of the game control. Then it executes line 20, which says to do line 10 over again, and so on. Forever. This is a LOOP. A Loop is a program structure that exists when the program includes a command to return to a statement executed previously. RUN the program. Play with the game control. In the next section, we will tell you how to stop this program. Meanwhile, admire the fact that-if you typed RUN when instructed to do so, three sentences back-your APPLE has executed the statement PRINT PDL(0) a few hundred times already. Now the power of a stored program begins to increase significantly over what you can do by hand. Your abilities with the computer will increase dramatically in the next tew sections, now that a good groundwork has been established.

#### SOME MORE THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE EASIER

But first, you are probably wondering how to stop the paddle program. You have already noticed how the numbers ripple up the screen as you move the paddle. This is because the numbers are printed at the bottom of the screen and as each new number is printed, all the rest of them are moved up one line. This is called "scrolling" and you've been seeing it all along, but at a much slower rate. To stop the running program, press





It is OK to press settled after the la but in this case it is not necessary. (This is an exception to the cardinal rule that you need a RETURN after typing any instruction to the computer.)

Although you need not press when using 6 to stop a program, you may reach for it anyway and accidentally press the resai

key. To get back to BASIC, you use 13 with a 1851URN . If you press CTRL

and serum, you will also get back to BASIC, but your program

will be lost. Therefore is only used to get into BASIC when you first turn on your APPLE II.

CTRL When you stop a program with ... you can resume its execution by typing the instruction

#### CON

which stands for "CONtinue."

Try it. Now try this program:

- 100 X=PDL(0)
- 110 PRINT "GAME CONTROL ZERO IS"
- 120 PRINT X
- 138 Y=PDL(1)
- 140 PRINT "AND CONTROL ONE IS"
- 150 PRINT Y
- 168 END

Earlier we said that when you type RUN, the program starts executing at the lowest numbered line. True. However, if you want to start RUNning at some other line, such as line 120, you simply type

**RUN 128** 

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You can specify line numbers in the LIST statement, as well. If you type

LIST 130

the APPLE will LIST line 130 (if there is one, of course). If you type

LIST 110.130

the APPLE will LIST all the lines of your program starting at line 110 and continuing through line 130. This feature is not available with the RUN instruction.

To erase line 100 (assuming there is a line 100 in your program) you can type

100

You could also have used the DELete instruction, as in

DEL 188

The advantages of the DELete are not apparent until we reveal to you that whole sections of programs can be erased with instructions like

DEL 120.140

which deletes every statement whose line number is 120 or greater, but less than or equal to 140. Try these commands, and LIST the program to see what they do to it. The ability to DELete blocks of line-numbered statements will be handy when you are writing large programs.

#### THE MOVING CURSOR HAVING WRIT CAN ERASE OR COPY ANY OF IT

When the leftand right-pointing arrows on the keyboard are pressed, they move the cursor. But they also either erase or retype characters, as you have just seen. It is possible to move the cursor without affecting anything at all (except the cursor position). You do this by using pure cursor moves. Each pure cursor move requires that two keys be pressed in sequence. To move the cursor up, for example, type

and then type



Do this a few times. Each time you type





the cursor should move up one line. When the cursor reaches the top, and you try to go up further, the cursor stays there since it can't get any higher. As you

will see, this is the most useful pure cursor move. To move the cursor down,



When the cursor reaches the bottom, and you try to go down further, the cursor stays put, but the rest of the screen moves up! To make a pure cursor move to the right (without retyping the characters the cursor is moving over) use



To make a pure cursor move to the left (without erasing the characters moved over), use



These last two pure cursor moves, when seen on the screen, appear the same as the rightand left-pointing arrow moves. But the effect is different, as you will discover when you LIST the results.

When the cursor reaches the right edge in a pure cursor move, and you try to make it move to the right some more, it appears one line lower down on the *left* edge. When you try to go beyond the left edge, the cursor sneakily appears on the *right* edge, one line higher.

These pure cursor moves do have an application, so they are not so pure after all. For example, if you typed this statement:

# 130 PRINT "THE QUALITY OF MERCY IS NOT STRAINED

and mistakenly pressed return before typing the final quote, you would get the message

#### \*\*\* SYNTAX ERR

However, to make the correction you can use this trick to effectively retype the entire statement: Type



three times to move the cursor up to the beginning of the incorrect statement. Then use the right-pointing arrow to effectively retype the entire line. This time, when you come to the end of the line, press the quote statement.



Use LIST to see that the line is properly corrected. The computer does have mercy on poor typists.

When a portion of a line that is somewhere on the screen has to be retyped, the pure cursor moves and the right-and left-pointing arrows can be used to speed the retyping. A few minutes of playing with this feature now will save you much work later.

#### A WORD ABOUT LEARNING BASIC

Many times there are questions you can ask about the BASIC language that are not answered directly in this book. For instance, in the statement

PRINT "HELLO"

do you have to put a space after the word "PRINT"? Rather than give you the answer, we recommend that you simply turn to your APPLE and try it both ways. Usually a simple experiment will answer your question and, since you have taken the time to try it yourself, you will remember it far better than if you had merely read it.

#### AN ACCIDENT ABOUT TO HAPPEN

Notice that you can delete a line by typing its line number and pressing the rate. This is a favorite way of introducing errors into your program. Say that you wanted to eliminate line 1100 from your program and you slip and type

118 matura

Congratulations, you have just wiped out line 110. This happens. Or you are about to fix up line 450 so you type

450

and think about it and decide not to change the line after all. Don't press Either backspace over the line number, or use the special "wipe out this line" command









DELLA

F 18







CTRL

Using Delaces a backslash at the end of the line, and it will be as if you never typed it at all.



#### THE TRUTH

The APPLE can distinguish between what is true and what is false. Since this is more than most of us can do, a few words of explanation are in order. The symbol ">" means greater than. The assertion

6>2

(which is read "six is greater than two") is certainly true. The APPLE II uses the number 1 to indicate truth. If you type

#### PRINT 6>2

the computer will reply with a one. The assertion

55>78

is false. The APPLE II uses the number 0 to indicate falsehood. If you type

#### PRINT 55>78

the computer will reply with a zero.

The symbol "<" means less than, and you can make assertions using it as well. Here is the full set of symbols used in making assertions:

- > greater than
- < less than

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- = equal to
- >= greater than or equal to
- <= less than or equal to
- # not equal to

To type the symbols for "greater than or equal to" and "less than or equal to" on your APPLE II keyboard, you must first type either a "<" or a ">" and then type an "=."

Think about and then test to see which of these assertions are true, and which are false.

- 5#5
- 6>2
- : 8
- 8 =8
- 9534=4359
- 0 8
- 45>=-4
- -84-7
- -2>=-5
- 9#-9

Assertions can include variables and expressions as well as numbers.

PRINT (45\*6)#(45+6)

will print the value 1 since 270 is not equal to 51 (remember that 1 means the assertion is true).

So the APPLE can tell truth from falsehood in simple assertions about numbers. An assertion such as

#### ABLE > BAKER

may be true or false, depending on the value of the two variables, ABLE and BAKER. It

ABLE = 5

and

BAKER = 9

then

ABLE > BAKER

is talse. But if

ABLE = -8

and

BAKER = -15

then

ABLE > BAKER

is true.

Assertions have the numerical values of zero or one. They can be used in arithmetic expressions instead of ones and zeros. For example,

#### PRINT 3+(4>2)

will print the value 4. The statement

#### T=4#3

gives T the value 1, since 4 does not equal three, and thus

4 # 3

has the value 1. The statement

#### H0T=67=19

looks very contusing at first, but it is easily understood. Since 67 does not equal 19, the assertion is false and has the value zero. The value of 0 is given to the variable "HOT."

As we have seen, the APPLE uses 1 to mean true, and 0 to mean false. If something is not true, it is false. If something is not talse, it is true. This may not always be the case in real lite, but it is *always* the case with computers. Try this on the APPLE

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The computer agrees: not true is talse and not false is true. Of course, you can use expressions instead of ones and zeros. For example

FRINT NOT (45>3)

The sentence

TRIANGLES HAVE THREE SIDES.

is true. And the sentence

THIS BOOK IS IN ENGLISH.

is true. Consider the sentence

TRIANGLES HAVE THREE SIDES AND THIS BOOK IS IN ENGLISH.

Is this sentence true or false? It is true. Consider the sentence

TRIANGLES HAVE EIGHT SIDES AND THIS BOOK IS IN ENGLISH.

This sentence, as a whole, is talse. Lastly, consider the sentence

TRIANGLES HAVE EIGHT SIDES AND THIS BOOK IS IN SWAHILI.

This sentence is also talse. In general, when you combine two sentences, or assertions, by joining them with the word "AND," you find that:

- a. The new sentence is true if both original sentences were true.
- b. The new sentence is false if at least one of the original sentences were false.

The APPLE II knows how to determine whether an assertion containing the connecting word **AND** is true or false. Test your computer with the following instructions; try to predict each answer:

FPINT 1 AND 1

| RINT 1 AND 0 |

| PRINT 0 AND 1 |

| FPINT 0 AND 0 |

| FPINT (3>2) AND 0 |

| FPINT (NOT 0) AND (3\*3=9) |

| FRINT (4#5) AND (4=5)

Is this sentence true or false?

A TRIANGLE HAS THREE SIDES OR THIS BOOK IS IN LATIN.

It's true. A triangle does have three sides, even if this book isn't in Latin, so the sentence as a whole is true. Quod erat demonstrandum. In general, when you combine two sentences by joining them with the word "OR", you find that:

- a. The new sentence is true it one or both of the original sentences were true.
- b. The new sentence is talse if both of the original sentences were false.

The APPLE II can also determine if an assertion containing **OR** is true or false. Try each ot these on your APPLE—after tiguring out what the answer should be.

PRINT 1 UR 1
PPINT 1 OR 0

PRINT 0 OR 1
PRINT 0 OF 0
PRINT (4#5) OR (4=5)
PPINT 1 OR (0 AND 1)
PRINT (324) OP (54(337)) AND (NOT 0)

AND, OR, and NOT will become very useful in the next section.

You have already found that in the statement

FRINT 1 OR 0

the computer regards 1 as true and 0 as false. Now try this:

PRIN 23 OF 0

and this:

PRINT -247 HND 32707

In assertions, the APPLE II regards not only 1, but any integer which is not zero, as true. However, when the computer figures out the value of an assertion, that value will always be either 0 or 1.

While the following box gives the precedence rules for AND, OR, and NOT, we strongly recommend that you use parentheses to make your statements clear.

## ORDER OR PRECEDENCE FOR OPERATORS USED SO FAR IN THIS TEXT:

1.
2. (when used to indicate a negative number)
3.
4. \* MDE
5. +
6. = - - \*\*
7. HND
8. OF

#### THE IF STATEMENT

Suppose you want to print out numbers from 1 to 10, one number to a line. An obvious way to do this is

MEM 2 0 PRINT 1 20 PRINT 2 40 PRINT 3

and so on. But this would require 10 statements, and if you wanted to print the numbers from 1 to 200 this way, it would require 200 statements. Using what you have already learned, you can PRINT all the numbers from 1 to 32767 in just four statements by using a loop:

2 0 I=1 .10 PFINT I 220 I=I+1 .10 GOTO 210 The only thing that makes this program stop at 32767 is the upper limit on numbers that the APPLE can handle.

There is another way to control how long a loop runs. What you want is a statement that does a **GOTO** if I is, for example, less than 11, but doesn't do the **GOTO** if I is greater than 11. The answer to your wishes Is the IF statement. If a condition is met, the computer will execute the instruction included in the IF statement. If the condition is not met, the computer will skip this instruction and execute the next one.

Here is a program that counts from 1 to 10 and then stops:

200 I=1 210 PRINT I 220 I=I+1 230 IF I=11 THEN END 240 GOTO 210

Here is another way of doing exactly the same thing:

200 I=1 210 PRINT I 220 I=I+1 230 IF I<11 THEN GOTO 210 240 END

Think about both programs, and check for yourself that they both perform as advertised.

In general, the IF statement works like this:

IF erithmetic expression THEN any statement

First, the arithmetic expression is evaluated. If it evaluates to zero (false) the "THEN" portion of the IF statement is ignored, and the computer goes on to the next instruction. If the arithmetic expression is not zero (true) the "THEN" portion of the IF statement is executed.

The most common statement to follow the word "THEN" is a GOTO. Because of this, you may leave out the word GOTO in a statement like

so that it may be written

IF I 11 THEN 210

This is not a recommended practice as it is less clear than writing the word GOTO—even if it is easier. The choice, of course, is up to you.

The IF statement is a very powerful one, and it will appear in almost every program you write. For the fun of it, try this program:

480 GR

10 ROW-1

420 COLOR=ROW

430 HLIN 0,39 AT ROW

440 ROW= ROW+1

JO IF ROW\16 THEN GOTO 420

440 END

#### **MORE GRAPHICS PROGRAMS**

Earlier, you put four colors at the corners of the screen. Now type in this program:

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1.0 GR

10 CULUR-9

10 PLOT 0.0

20 PLOT 0.39

30 PLOT 39.09

140 PLOT 39.0

LIST the program to check that you typed it in correctly, and then RUN it. Quick, isn't it? To change the colors, just change line 200, and RUN the program again. Try to LIST the program. Notice that the listing slips through the narrow **window** at the bottom of the screen. This will happen unless you type

IE.T

10

to get out of GRaphics mode before you try to LIST.

This program makes the entire screen a solid color.

HEW 200 GR 210 COLOR=9

220 COLUMN=0

2.3 VLIH 8,39 AT COLUMN

240 COLUMN=COLUMN+1

250 IF COLUMNA THEN GOTO 230

260 END

Here's a blow-by-blow explanation of what happens when you RUN this program. Line 200 sets the APPLE into graphics mode. The color is chosen in line 210. The program is to start in the zeroth column of the screen and work its way over to the 39th column. Line 220 makes sure the program starts in column 0. At line 230, a vertical line is drawn in column 0. Now that the zeroth column is filled with the desired color, line 240 increments the column by one. The value of COLUMN is now 1. Line 250 checks to see if the new value of COLUMN is less than 40. If it is less than 40, the program goes back to line 230, to draw a new vertical line in the next column. However, when the value of COLUMN reaches 40 (there are only 40 columns on the APPLE II screen), the program does not go back to line 230, but "drops through" (as we say) to line 260. Line 260 stops the program.

LIST the program that fills the screen with a solid color. Remember that RND (16) will give a number between 0 and 15 inclusive. We could let the computer pick the color by changing line 210 to

# 210 COLOR=RND(16)

Each time the program is executed, a random color will be chosen. If the color is zero, the screen will appear to be cleared. (Why?) Execute this program a few times.

Another change eliminates the need to type RUN after the screen is filled with color. Rewrite line 260 as

# 268 GO TO 218

Observe what happens. When will this program stop? LIST the program and make sure you understand what it does.

When you are finished playing with the solid color program, clear the computer and try the lollowing program. It uses a new and very important instruction: the REM statement. "REM" stands for "REMark." This statement allows you to put commentary in a program. The computer ignores any REM statements; they are strictly for the benefit of humans. See how easy it is to follow this program where REMs are used liberally.

LOU EN DET GRAPHICS NODE

E10 GP

LCC REM CHOOSE A RANDOM COLOR

LIN COLOR=FND(161

43 REM CHOOSE A RANDOM POINT (X,Y)

59 7=RND: 40

1 - R1 D1 49

27 FEM FLOT THE PANDOM POINT

L U FLOT X,

LIC REM CHOOSE HNOTHER RANDOM COLOR AND POINT

500 GOTO 230

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Think about what this program will do. Then try it out on your APPLE.

There are many easy modifications to this program that will make it more interesting. For example, rewrite lines 270 and 280 as follows

230 HEIN X, M+PNC(40->) BT :

Program statement 280 has especial interest. Clearly it draws a horizontal line starting at column X. X has been chosen at random; it may be any number from 0 to 39. The problem you face is this: how to choose a random value for the right end of the horizontal line. You can't simply use RND (40), because it might give you a number less than X (the computer will not plot a line from a higher to a lower coordinate). And you can't use something like X+RND (40) because if X were 39, say, the only legal value you could have the program add to it would be zero, and the RND function might choose otherwise. You want the RND function to choose a number that is at least X, but does not exceed 39. Having chosen X, the amount of room to the right of column X is (40-X). So that amount is used as the limit of the RND function.

Try the program, and then make up some of your own variations. Do not worry about making errors. Errors are part of the learning process. Nobody ever learned to walk without falling.

# **MAKING THINGS EASIER AND EASIER**

By now you should have the habit of making your line numbers increase by at least 10 for each consecutive line. Doesn't adding 10's seem like something that a computer could do? It does, and it can. Clear any old programs that may be lying around by the usual **NEW** command, for you are about to learn how to make the APPLE II number your lines for you. Type in these statements and watch the computer provide you with line numbers **AUTO**matically:

AUTO 388

FRINT "S"

PRINT "E"

PRINT 'A"

PRINT "M"

END

Now type

RUN

The APPLE responds with a \*\*\*\* SYNTAX ERR. This is because the command RUN is not actually part of your program and it shouldn't have a line number. You need to type the RUN without a line number. You can get rid of the line number by backspacing over it. Try. There is another way that is a bit quicker. When you want to issue an instruction without a line number, you hit





Do this, and then type

FIIH

and your program will execute.

CTRL.

You can also use to insert lines with line-numbers out of **AUTO**matic sequence. For example, hit





then type

305 PRINT "T'

and RUN your program. (Don't forget you will need a RUN or a LIST.)

Do you feet like the sorcerer's apprentice? Now that you've got the AUTO line numbering working, it seems to want to go on forever giving you line numbers, like it or not. Well, to stop AUTOmatic line numbering altogether, type

CTRL

13

7

X

and the command

MBH

This command stands for "MANual."

Thus far, the line-numbers have been incremented by 10. However, you may want to increase your line-numbers by more or less than 10. If you wanted to start your line numbers at 1000 and to increment by 30, you would type

HUTO 1000,30

Here is another program which uses the **AUTO** feature. Type the statements in as shown, since you don't have to type the line numbers.

HEW

AUTO 1000

JR

LOLOR=9

PEM READ PADDLE ZEPO

W=PDL(0)

FEM DIVIDE BY 7 SO MAXIMUM VALUE OF X IS 36

7.=X/7

FEM READ PADDLE ONE

S-POL(1)

PEM LIMIT RANGE TO KEEP Y ON SCREEN TOO

5=5-7

KEM PLOT THE POINT

# TLOT ,\ april 070 1838

After you type RUN, operate the game controls. This program is called the "Etch-a-sketch" (TM) after a device that behaves similarly. The division by seven is necessary since the **PDL** tunction gives values between 0 and 255, whereas the screen can only accept column and row values from 0 to 39. By dividing by seven, you get values from (0/7) = 0 to (255/7) = 36. This does not utilize the full height or width of the screen. To get the full width of the screen, instead of

$$X = X/7$$

you could use the two lines

### . . . 6

The IF statement limits the value of X to 239. In the APPLE's integer arithmetic, 239/6 = 39. The PDL range of 0 to 255 is changed exactly to the screen's requirements of 0 to 39. This use of the IF to limit the range of a variable is very common.

Loops, whether executed by airplanes or computer programs, have a top and a bottom. In the program

### HEJ

- 10 HUMBER = 8
- 110 PRINT HUMBER
- 128 NUMBER = NUMBER + 1
- 156 IF NUMBERK=12 THEN GOTO 110
- 148 END

line 110 is the top of the loop, and 130 is the bottom. The program prints the integers from 0 to 12 inclusive. The number 12 is the **limit** of the loop. Another way to write a loop is to use the **FOR** statement. We can use this statement to rewrite the previous program.

- LEG FUR NUMBER=0 TO 12
- 218 F IN NUMBER
- COS NE . NUMBER
- E U END

Use RUN 200 to execute this program. If you just type "RUN," the program at line 100 (being the lowest line number around) will be executed.

Line 200 is the FOR statement. It starts by setting NUMBER to the value 0. This is exactly the same task that line 100 performed. Then line 210 is executed. The bottom of a loop that begins with a FOR statement is always a NEXT statement. The NEXT statement tells the computer lo add one to the variable mentioned in it. If the variable is not over the limit, execution continues at the statement immediately following the FOR. If the variable is over the limit, the program drops through (out of the loop) to the statement after the NEXT. In this case, the program drops through to line 230 which terminates the program.

The most obvious advantage of the FOR-NEXT method of constructing loops is that it saves a statement. The most important advantage is that you don't have to think so hard when writing a loop if you use a FOR-NEXT loop. If you wanted to draw a line with each of the 15 colors on the screen, you could type

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- HIN FUR I-U TO 15
- TEL COLOR=I
- FOR HLIH B,39 HT I
- 140 NEXT I
- EIII

Another advantage is that it is much easier to read a single FOR statement than to look through three statements to figure out what a loop is doing. To find the bottom of a FOR-NEXT loop, all you have to do is look for a NEXT which has the same variable as the FOR.

It might be well to mention that, although you should know how the FOR statement works, you don't have to use it. It doesn't add any new abilities to those you already have. It just makes some programs easier to write (for some people).

At this point, if you have been following along on your APPLE II, you should remove the portion of the programs between lines 3000 and 3050, inclusive. So type

. L 3800, 450

To PRINT just the even numbers from 0 to 12, you could use the program

- 1 # THING=8
- PRINT THING
- 12 THING TH MG+2
- 33 IF THING =12 THEN 60 0 113
- 147 END

The secret is in line 120, where 2 is added to THING. We say that the loop steps by two. To step by two in a FOR loop, you would type

### and for THING=0 TO 12 STEP &

the rest of the program would look like lines 210 through 230 above, except that the name "NUMBER" would have to be changed, wherever it occurs, to the name "THING". Try it. The STEP may be any number in the range of the APPLE. It can even STEP backward, for example

# 200 FOR THING=39 TO 15 STEP-3

Type this and try it by typing RUN 200.

You should play with the **FOR** statement for a while, if you wish to learn to use it. A number of the example programs from this point on will use the **FOR** statement.

Along with the convenience of the FOR statement come some limitations. For example, FOR-NEXT loops may be nested, but may not cross; a few examples (which generate graphics) demonstrate the idea.

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NEW
AUTO 200

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FOR HUE=1 TO 15

COLOR=HUE

FOR ROW=0 TO 39

HLIN 0,39 AT ROW

NEXT ROW

COLOR=HUE-1

FOR COLUMN=0 TO 39

VLIN 0,39 AT COLUMN

HEXT COLUMN

NEXT HUE
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This is an example of two-level nesting. Think about it and RUN this program before going on to the next. Remember, when writing programs using **FOR** statements, that

EACH FOR MUST HAVE A MATCHING NEXT.

# A WRONG PROGRAM:



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This program won't work. Its loops are crossed, which not only gives an error message, but doesn't make any sense. Whenever you find yourself writing crossed loops, it means that your thinking has gotten tangled. If you are sure that you know what you are doing, and still want to cross loops, use loops made with IF statements. You can cross those all you want, for what good it will do you.

### A LAST EXAMPLE OF NESTED LOOPS:

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NEW
AUTO 188

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FOR ROW=0 TO 30 STEP 18

FOR COLUMN=0 TO 35 STEF 5

LOLOR-RND(16)

FOR I=0 TO 9

HLIN COLUMN, COLUMN+4 AT ROW+1

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FOR DELAY=1 TO 100

NEXT DELAY

NEXT COLUMN

GOTO 110
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This program has three-level nesting, and draws quilts. Try removing lines 170 and 180. What happens? Add the line

### 145 COLOR=RND(16)

What happens? Is it what you expected?

# PRINTS CHARMING

As an experiment, type in this program and see what it does when you RUN it.

NEW

198 PRINT HELLD'

118 GOTO 188

Now change line 100 by just one symbol

186 PRINT "HELLO",

and RUN the program again. As you can see, this PRINTs the word in columns. Now substitute a semicolon (;) for the comma (,)

198 PRINT 'HELLU :

and RUN the program again. This time the output is *packed*. This means that there are no spaces between what you told the computer to PRINT. It prints HELLO after HELLO, until the screen is quickly filled.

Change the program by adding this statement

98 7=99

and changing line 100 to read

100 PRINT +

RUN this program. Now change line 100 to

188 FRINT C.

and RUN it again. Then change line 100 to

100 FRINT V:

and observe that the semicolon can be used with numerical values. The ability to place numbers one after the other without intervening spaces is sometimes quite useful.

Commas and semicolons can be used within a PRINT statement. Clear the old program with NEW, and type

100 STRIFES=4 110 BALLU=3 120 PRINT STRIKES, BALLS

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You can make clearer output by including messages in the PRINT statement. For example, change line 120 into

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Notice that you probably want to have a space after the word "ARE," lest the number of strikes gets printed too close to it. If you don't think that the large space between the number of strikes and balls looks nice, you could use the statement

100 FRINT "THE STPIKES AND BALLS ARE ";S INES;" '; BALLS

In this version, a blank is put between the number of strikes and balls. Perhaps the prettiest way of doing this (are you trying all of these on your APPLE?) is

I " PRINT "STRIKES "; STFIKES; " BALLS '; BALLS

This gives you a scoreboard-like display.

Let's say that you wanted to PRINT the word "HERE" starting in the 10th column (the screen is 40 columns across, by the way), you could use this statement

PRINT " HERE"

(You have to take our word for it that there are nine blanks before the word "HERE"). Or you could use the **TAB** feature. Just as on typewriters, you can set a tab on the APPLE. The statements

TAB 10
PRINT "HERE"

have the same effect as putting 9 blanks in the quotes as we did above. Try it, you'lt like it.

By combining the TAB with the FOR loop you can program some neat visual effects. For example:

FOR I=1 TO 24

TAB I

. FRINT "Z"

, H HE IT I

IN END

You can also **TAB** up and down with the APPLE. There are 24 (not 40) horizontal printing lines. That, by the way, is why the upper limit in the loop in the program above is 24. To print on a particular line, you can vertical tab (**VTAB**) to that line. Here is a small program that demonstrates the use of the vertical tab:

600 FOR X=1 TO 24 610 FOR Y=1 TO X 620 TAB X 630 VTAB Y 640 PRINT "APPLE" 650 NEXT Y 660 NEXT X 670 GOTO 600

Before you RUN this program, try (it ain't easy!) to figure out what it will do. It's both surprising and pretty.

VTAB but not TAB works for immediate execution. You can only use TAB in programs. While TAB and VTAB act a bit like the co-ordinates in PLOT, there are some differences. The 40 columns for the TAB instruction are numbered from 1 to 40, as they would be on a typewriter, while the first co-ordinate of a PLOT instruction can run from 0 to 39, which is more convenient for programming graphics. Since characters are taller than the "bricks" we build graphics with, there is only room for 24 lines of printing on the screen. Therefore VTAB's limits are 1 and 24. A zero or a number that is too large for TAB or VTAB will give the message

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A number larger than 255 or a negative number causes the message

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to appear.

The largest value for **VTAB** is 24, but the largest value for **TAB** is 255, so you can **TAB** past the length of a screen line. To see this in action, try

400 FOR I=1 TO 255
410 TAB I
420 PRINT I
450 NEXT I
440 END

# TALKING TO A PROGRAM ON THE RUN

Here is a program that makes a dot of color move across the screen, bouncing off the right and left sides.

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400 REM CHOOSE A COLOR FOR THE "BA

429 BALL=9

440 REM SET GRAPHICS MODE

460 GR

430 REM CHOOSE A STARTING POSITION FOR THE BALL

500 X0LD=20

520 REM MOVE THE BALL BACK AND FOR TH BY ADDING AN INCREMENT (CALLE D XSPEED) TO THE X POSITION

540 REM TO MOVE THE BALL TO THE LEF T, MAKE THE INCREMENT NEGATIVE

560 XSPEED=1

580 REM CALCULATE THE NEW X POSITION
N BY ADDING THE INCREMENT XSPEED
TO THE OLD X POSITION

600 XNEW=XOLD+XSPEED

620 REM CHECK THAT THE BALL WOULD B E ON THE SCREEN

640 IF (XNEW)-1) AND (XNEW(40) THEN GOTO 740

650 REM THE BALL WOULD BE OFF ONE S IDE OF THE SCREEN, SO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF X MOTION

600 XSPEED=-1\*X3PEED

788 GOTO 688

.20 REM PLOT THE BALL IN ITS NEW POSITION

.40 COLOR=BALL

760 PLOT XNEW,20
780 REM ERASE THE OLD BALL POSITION
800 COLOR=0
820 PLOT XOLD,20
840 REM SAVE THE CURRENT BALL POSITION
10N FOR NEXT MOVE
866 XOLD=XNEW
880 REM MOVE AGAIN

The reason that the variable XSPEED was called "XSPEED" will be evident if you change its value. Try XSPEED = 2 for example. If you set XSPEED too high, the ball will appear to jump wildly across the screen, with no trace between positions.

This kind of program is the basis for many typical TV games. It is worthwhite to spend some time playing with the program, changing this and that, just to see what can be done with it.

# **SAVING PROGRAMS**

If your changes should prove inexplicably fatal to the program's operation, you can always retype the original program and start over. However, to save yourself a lot of typing, why not **SAVE** the working program now, on a tape cassette? Then anytime you want that program, you can simply **LOAD** it back into the computer, from your tape. To save this program, type





which stops the program, if it is running. Insert a blank cassette into your recorder and rewind it to the beginning, where your recorded program will be easy to find. On the recorder, hold down the *Play* button while pressing down the *Record* button. Both should stay down. Back at the APPLE, type

### SAVE

When you hit warm, the blinking cursor will disappear. After 10 or 15 seconds, the computer will give a "beep" to let you know the recording has begun. Another "beep" will sound when the recording is completed, and the cursor will reappear. Push *Stop* on the recorder, and you are ready to go back to programming. Your program in the computer has not been affected in any

way by SAVEing it.

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Though you are now in a position to understand the program above, you might have friends who aren't. Suppose you wanted a friend to be able to choose the color of the ball. You could explain how to change line 420, but you'd also have to explain the possible error messages, and what to do if ... well, it would take a bit of explaining. It would be better to let your friend interact with the program. To do this, you can use an INPUT statement. Change line 420 to read

### 420 INPUT BALL

When the program executes this statement it will put a question mark (?) on the screen, followed by the blinking cursor, and then wait until someone types a number and hits . The number typed will become the value of **BALL** and the program will resume execution. It might be a good idea to have the computer tell your friends what they are expected to do. You could put in PRINT statements such as

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BOUNCING BALL,"

140 PRINT "TYPE A NUMBER FROM 1 TO 15"

60 PRINT "AFTER THE QUESTION MARK."

PRINT "THEM PRESS THE KEY LABELL ED RETURN."

You may also incorporate a message into the INPUT statement:

20 IMPUT WHAT COLOR WOULD YOU LIKE THE BALL TO BE (1-15)", BALL

Notice that in an INPUT statement the message must be in quotes, that there must be a comma before the variable name, and that the question mark appears right at the end of your message. It usually makes sense to make the message ask a question.

Your friends can use the right- and left-pointing arrows to correct mistakes in typing. But if they make a mistake and then press (and they will get an error message. If the character entered is not a number,

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will appear on the screen. If too great a number is entered,

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will appear. Tell the person using the program (the "user") to simply ignore these error messages and retype the number. However, if the user types a negative number or a number between 255 and 32767, the error message

\*\*\* >255 ERR

will appear, and the program will stop. For the most part, the user will not know how to restart the computer—and shouldn't have to. Therefore you should make the program check that all numbers typed by the user are correct. These lines will do it:

424 REM CHECK THAT THE BALL COLOR TYPED IS BETWEEN 1 AND 15, INCLUSIVE.

428 IF (BALL)0) AND (BALL(16) THEN GOTO 460

432 PRINT "THAT WASN'T BETWEEN 1 AND 15" 436 GOTO 420

Are you beginning to see why we advised you to leave so much room between line numbers?

It is good programming practice to make a program as foolproof as possible. You have advanced to the point where you are writing error messages for others to read. It may be all right for a programmer like you to read jargon such as "SYNTAX ERROR" but it is most definitely not all right to ferce an innocent user to deal with such nonsense.

Each time you use an INPUT statement, your program must check that what the user types is within certain limits, so that the program won't "blow up" or fail in any way. Dealing with the untutored user (and you must assume users are not programmers) is an art in itself. Use of clear English sentences and careful checking of what the user types are always required.

By the way, you can tNPUT several values with one input statement. The statement

3000 INPUT X,Y,Z

would display a question mark as usual, and then wait for three numbers to be typed in. The first number would be stored in the variable named X, the second number in the variable named Y, and the third in the variable named Z. The three numbers must be separated by (STURN)'s or commas, and the last number must be followed by a

**SAVE** your best version of the bouncing ball program, just in case. Then, if you have not done so already, try to add vertical motion to it. Use the new variables **YNEW**, **YOLD** and **YSPEED**. A solution is given on the next page, but try to work this out, yourself, before you look.

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When you have this program running the way you want it to, SAVE it on your tape cassette. We will use it again, later on.

# **OFF THE WALLS**

Here is one way to make the ball bounce off all four walls. The statements in black are ones that have been added to—or changed from—the program which bounced the ball between two walls.

- 286 REM SET TEXT MODE
- 300 TEXT
- 320 PRINT "TO SELECT A COLOR FOR THE BOUNCING BALL.":
- 340 PRINT "TYPE A NUMBER FROM 1 TO 1
- 360 PRINT "AFTER THE QUESTION MARK."
- 330 PRINT "THEN PRESS THE KEY LABELL ED RETURN."
- 400 REM CHOOSE A COLOR FOR THE "BA
- 420 IMPUT "WHAT COLOR WOULD YOU LIKE ".BALL
- 424 REM CHECK THAT THE BALL COLOR TYPED IS BETWEEN 1 AND 15, INCLU SIVE."
- 428 IF (BALL)0) AND (BALL(16) THEN 460
- 432 PRINT "THAT WASN'T BETWEEN 1 AND 15"
- 436 GOTO 420
- 440 REM SET GRAPHICS MODE
- 460 GR
- 480 PEM CHOOSE A STARTING POSITION FOR THE BALL
- 500 XOLD=20
- 510 YOLD=38
- 520 REM MOVE THE BALL BACK AND FOR TH BY ADDING AN INCREMENT (CALLE D XSPEED) TO THE X POSITION

- 540 REM TO MOVE THE BALL TO THE LEF T, MAKE THE INCREMENT NEGATIVE
- 560 XSPEED=1

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- 565 REM MOVE THE BALL UP AND DOWN
  BY ADDING AN INCREMENT (CALLED Y
  SPEED) TO THE Y POSITION
- 570 REM TO MOVE THE BALL UP, MAKE THE INCREMENT NEGATIVE
- ₹ 575 YSPEED=1
- 580 REM CALCULATE THE NEW X POSITION

  N BY ADDING THE INCREMENT XSPEED

  TO THE OLD X POSITION
  - 600 XNEW=XOLD+XSPEED
- E ON THE SCREEN
- 640 IF (XNEW>-1) AND (XNEW(40) THEN GOTO 706
  - DIRECTION OF X MOTION
  - 680 XSPEED=-1\*XSPEED
- 700 GOTO 600
- 704 REM CALCULATE THE NEW Y POSITION

  N BY ADDING THE INCREMENT YSPEED

  TO THE OLD Y POSITION
  - 706 YNEW=YOLD+YSPEED
  - 708 REM CHECK THAT THE BALL WOULD STILL BE ON THE SCREEN
- 710 IF (YNEW)-1) AND (YNEW(40) THEN
  GOTO 740
  - 712 REM THE BALL WOULD BE OFF THE TO P OR BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN, SO CH ANGE THE DIRECTION OF Y MOTION
  - 714 YSPEED=-1\*YSPEED
- 719 GOTO 706

720 REM PLOT THE BALL IN IT'S NEW P
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740 COLOR=BALL
760 PLOT XNEW, YNEW
780 REM ERASE THE OLD BALL POSITION
800 COLOR=0
820 PLOT XOLD, YOLD
840 REM SAVE THE CURRENT BALL POSIT
ION FOR NEXT MOVE
860 XOLD=XNEW
870 YOLD=YNEW
880 REM MOVE AGAIN
900 GOTO 600

As you will see when you RUN this program, the result is a bit repetitive. You can after the pattern of bouncing by changing the starting values of **XOLD** and **YOLD** (lines 500 and 510), but here is a change you might like better:

600 KNEW=XOLD+XSPEED\* PDL (0 / 70 706 YNEW=YOLD+YSPEED\* PDL (1)/70

To see what this does, play with the paddles.

One more suggestion. Why not have another INPUT, giving a value to a variable called BACKGROUND? Fill the screen with the color BACKGROUND once, at the beginning of your program (right after GR). Then, to erase the old ball position, use

800 COLOR=BACKROUND

or even

888 COLOR=BACKROUND+3

SAVE your favorite version of this program on tape.

# **MAKING SOUNDS**

Clicks, ticks, tocks, and various buzzes are easily generated. You can make sounds on your APPLE if you tap it, scratch your fingers across it or drop it, but the sounds covered here are produced by *programming* it. So go to a quiet place and try working through this section.

To construct any sound-producing program on the APPLE II, you will need this magic formula.

150 SOUND=PEEK(-18336)

There is no easy explanation for this formula. The number, -16336, is related to the memory address of the APPLE's loudspeaker, and was built into the electronics of the computer. You are just going to have to look this number up

when you need it.

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PEEK returns the numerical code stored at a certain location in the computer. At most locations PEEK only returns a numerical value, but at some locations, such as -16336, it can cause something to happen. In this case, it causes the speaker to make a click. Since you are programming in BASIC, the PEEK function must be assigned to a variable. In this instance we have named the variable SOUND. Every time the program executes this statement, the APPLE will produce a miniscule "click." Add the statement

168 END

so that the APPLE won't beep loudly at the end of the program. RUN the program. Listen to your computer closely.

Now substitute this line

160 GOTO 150

and RUN the program. Ne problem hearing this!

To make your program beep for a limited period of time, add statements such as

140 FOR I=1 TO 300

160 NEXT I

170 EHD

Try it.

A tone is generated by a rapid sequence of clicks. Any program that uses **PEEK(-16336)** repeatedly will generate some sort of noise. Since -16336 is such a bother to type, we will insert another statement that will allow us to substitute a symbol which is easier to type. Enter the statement

188 5=-16336

To produce a nice, resonant click change line 150 to

150 SOUND=PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)

Different numbers of PEEKs in the statement will produce different quality clicks. Try RUNning some variations. For more buzzy tones, put one of your variations into a loop. In general, the faster the loop, the higher the pitch.

Now, to use these sounds, LOAD your bouncing-ball program (OFF THE WALLS, in the last chapter) back into the computer, from your tape cassette. Try adding a "bounce" sound each time the ball rebeunds from a wall.

One possible solution is given on the next page, but try to work it out for yourself, first. (Hint: a bounce occurs whenever either XSPEED or YSPEED changes value.)

### NOISE FOR THE BOUNCING BALL

Here is one way to make the bouncing audible. Add these lines to the **OFF THE WALLS** program from the last chapter:

240 REM SET 5 TO ADDRESS OF SPEAKER

260 5=-16336

683 REM MAKE A BOUNCE NOISE

685 FOR I=1 TO 5

690 BOUNCE=PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)+PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)

695 NEXT I

715 REM MAKE A BOUNCE NOISE

716 FOR I=1 TO 5

717 BOUNCE=PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)+PEEK(S)-PEEK(S)

718 HEXT I

Now try your own sounds. Why not make a different sound off each wall?

# FOR HIGHER NOTES, MULTIPLE STATEMENTS ON ONE LINE

To get still higher tones, another feature of APPLE BASIC can be introduced. It is possible to put more than one statement on the same line. Try this one-line program:

### 50 S=PEEK(-16336):GOTO 50

The colon (:) can be used to separate statements in any program where you wish to have more than one statement on a line. However, only the first statement on the line has a statement number, so you can only branch to the first statement with a GOTO.

Now add:

# 40 FOR DELAY=1 TO 2500: NEXT DELAY

The advantages of multiple statements with a common line-number are these:

- The statements are executed faster. (This is an advantage only if you need more speed.)
- 2. More of your program can fit on the screen.

- 3. It can save some typing when you are not using AUTOmatic line-numbering.
- 4. You can group statements together that collectively perform one function, such as the delay in line 40 above.
- 5. It requires less memory. (This is an advantage only if you are running out of space, and the computer gives you a \*\*\*\* MEM FULL ERR while entering a program.)

But there are also some disadvantages:

- 1. The program is harder to read.
- 2. It is harder to modify or correct the program.
- 3. You can't branch to any but the first statement.
- 4. It is very discouraging to type in a long multiple statement only to have it return a \*\*\* SYNTAX ERR, making it necessary to retype the whole statement.

# MULTIPLE STATEMENTS ON A LINE AND THE IF STATEMENT

The multiple statement

10 IF 4k2 THEN PRINT "YES": PRINT "NO"

will print the word "NO" when executed. The word "YES" is not printed since the assertion

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is false. The program then goes on to the next statement (not to the next line number) and prints "NO" since that is what the next statement in the program tells the computer to do.



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### STRINGING ALONG

Would you like to see your name backwards? So far we have played with graphics and numbers. But computers can also manipulate letters and symbols. Instead of handling them one at a time, as with the numerical values of variables, your computer handles a whole string of characters at a time. This will seem fairly natural, since we humans also usually deal with characters in bunches. Strings, just like variables, have names. The names follow the same rules as variable names except that they end with a dollar sign (\$). Here are some examples of string names:

MYNAME\$
A\$
SENTENCE\$

Since there are going to be many characters in a string, you must tell the APPLE, prior to using the string's name, the maximum number of characters you will ever have in the string. Suppose you know that you will have 30 or fewer characters in a string called **NAMES** (pronounced "NAME-dollar"). Then you would warn the computer with the statement (including a line-number if part of a program, of course)

### DIM NAME\$(30)

This is called "setting the **DIM**ension of the string." You are now permitted to type

# NAME\$="HARRY S. TRUMAN"

Notice that the characters put in a string must be enclosed in quotes. The statement

### PRINT NAMES

will print the contents of NAME\$: in this case, the name of the 33rd President of the United States. Thus, when you have a string of characters that you need often, you can store the string in a variable with a short name.

There are several more instructions that manipulate strings. Suppose you want to know what the 12th through 14th characters of NAME\$ are. You could type

# PRINT NAME \$ (12,14)

and the computer would print the requested characters. You must not ask for more characters than there are—you will get an error message. A simple experiment will show you what the error message is. Do one and see.

Consider these immediate commands:

DIN MAX\*(255)

MAX#="ANYGARBAGEATALLOFSOMELENGTHSOTHAT

### YOUGANNOTSEEHOWMANYLETTERSTHEREARE"

A question comes to mind: How many letters are stored at the present time in MAX\$? Don't count. There is a *function* that counts the letters in a string. Type

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and you will find out what you want to know. Incidentally, there cannot be more than 255 characters in a string (and as usual, you can only enter about 100 characters in a single statement), and all spaces count as characters.

When you use the name of a string, such as MAX\$, you mean the whole string. You can refer to any portion of the string by giving the numerical positions of the first and last characters in that segment. The segment of MAX\$ from character number A to character number B is specified as MAX\$ (A,B). If you are interested in a segment which ends where the string ends, you may omit the second positional value. Thus every character in a string, from the Nth character to the end, is specified as MAX\$ (N). Consider this program:

- 200 DIM ALPHABET\$(100),X\$(30)
- 210 ALPHABET\$="ABCDEFGHIJKLNNOPQRSTU
- L20 INPUT "TYPE A NUMBER BETWEEN I A NO 26, AND I WILL TELL YOU WHICH LETTER HAS THAT POSITION IN THE ALPHABET: ",P
- 230 IF P> LEN(ALPHABET\$) OR F<1 THEN GOTO 220
- 240 PRINT ALPHABET \$(P,P); " IS LETTER NUMBER ";P;" IN THE ALPHABET."
- 250 PRINT
- 380 IMPUT "TYPE A LETTER, AND I WILL TELL YOU WHERE IT IS IN THE ALP HABET: ".X\$
- 310 FOR I=1 TO LENCALPHABET\$)
- 320 IF ALPHABET\$(I,I)=X\$ THEN GOTO 500
- 338 NEXT I
- 340 PRINT "THAT IS NOT A LETTER OF THE ALPHABET."
- 350 G0TO 300
- 500 PRINT X#;" IS LETTER NUMBER "
  ;I;" IN THE ALPHABET."

### 510 PRINT

### 520 GOTO 220

It is customary, and a good idea, to **DIM** strings a bit longer than you expect them to be, especially if you aren't sure of their exact length. It is also a good practice to use the **LEN**gth function, as shown here in lines 230 and 310, instead of a particular number. That way, if you change the string, the program will continue to work. For example, if you change line 210 to

# 210 ALPHABET\$="0123456789"

the program will still run. But if you had used 26 instead of LEN(ALPHABET\$) in line 310, a

### \*\*\* STRING ERR

message would have resulted.

This program illustrates several other common programming practices. Notice how this program finds the position of a character in a string. This method of using a loop to scan through a string, one position at a time, is very common. The program also shows that you can **DiM**ension more than one string at a time in a **DIM** statement, simply by separating the items with commas. Notice the function of the blanks in the quotes in line 500. What would happen to the output without these blanks?

You can substitute one string for another with a replacement statement such as

# X\$=RLPHRBET\$

This statement copies the contents of ALPHABET\$ into X\$. However, you must make sure that the receiving variable was DIMensioned large enough to contain the replacement variable. In the example, the DIM for X\$ must be at least as large as LEN (ALPHABET\$). If the DIM of X\$ is too small, you may get the message

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(which just means STRing OVerFLow ERRor).

# YOU CANNOT USE THE PARTIAL STRING NOTATION ON THE LEFT SIDE OF A REPLACEMENT STATEMENT

For example, the statement

X\$(3.5)="XYZ"

is itlegal. However, the statement

# X#=ALPHABET\$(12,24)

are both permitted. There is no logical reason for this; it's just the way things are. Here is a program that generates random words. How frequently a letter is

# chosen depends on how many times it appears in HEAP\$.

- 90 COUNTER=1: REM INITIALIZE CHARA
  CTER COUNTER
- 100 DIM HEAP≰(255): REM LETTER STRI NG
- 110 HEAP = "AAAAABCDDEEEEEEEEFGGHIII JKLLMMMNNNOOOOOPPRRRSSSSTTTTTU UUUVWYY"
- 120 REM PICK A RANDOM WORD LENGTH, FROM 2 TO 6 LETTERS
- 130 LENGTH= RND (5)+2
- 140 REM WILL NEXT WORD + COUNTER EX CEED 40 CHARACTERS?
- 150 IF COUNTER+LENGTH+1<40 THEN GOTO 200
- 160 REM LINE LENGTH EXCEEDED
- 170 COUNTER=1: REM RESET CHARACTER COUNTER
- 180 PRINT : PRINT : REM SKIP A LINE
- 190 REM PICK 'LENGTH' NUMBER OF RAN DOM LETTERS FROM HEAP\$
- 200 FOR W=1 TO LENGTH
- 210 L= RND ( LEN(HEAP\$))+1
- 220 REM PRINT LETTER
- 230 PRINT HEAF \$(L,L);
- 240 COUNTER=COUNTER+1: REM INCREMEN T CHARACTER COUNTER
- 250 HEXT W

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- 260 REM SEPARATE "WORDS" WITH A BLA
  NK SPACE
- 270 PFINT " ";
- 280 COUNTER=COUNTER+1: REM INCPEMEN T CHARACTER COUNTER
- 290 REM START A NEW WORD
- 300 GOTO 130

Oh, yes—still want to see your name spelled backwards? Here's a program that will do just that:

NEW CLEAR SCREEN 100 CALL -936: REM 110 DIM NAME \$ (100) 120 INPUT "TYPE YOUR NAME. I WILL SH OW IT TO YOU. SPELLED BACKWARDS. ".NAME\$ 130 REM STEP BACKWARDS THROUGH THE NAME 140 FOR I= LEN(NAME\$) TO 1 STEP 150 REM PRINT ONLY THE NEXT LETTER 160 PRINT NAME \$(I,I); 170 NEXT I 180 PRINT: REM "CANCEL" THE SEMICO LON. 196 PRINT: REM SKIP A LINE. 200 REM DO IT ALL AGAIN

# CONCATENATION GOT YOUR TONGUE?

It is possible to add a second string to the end of an existing string—assuming the DIM statement for the existing string allocated sufficient room to contain both strings, joined end to end. You remember that the statement

180 DIM A\$(75)

210 GOTO 120

permits A\$ to be a string of characters up to 75 characters long. The actual length of A\$ is LEN(A\$). For example, if you type

100 DIM A\$(75) 200 A\$="XYZ"

210 PRINT LEN(A\$)

500 END

RUN

the number printed should be 3. To add a character onto the end of A\$—as it stands now—you can type

220 A\$(4)="A"

Add this statement to your program. Then type

230 PRINT A\$.LEN(A\$)

and RUN the program. Does A\$ now contain XYZA? Next, retype line 220 as 220 A\$(4)="ABCDE"

and RUN the program again. Surprised at the result? In concatenation, the notation

A\$(4)

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represents that part of A\$ beginning at the fourth element. Thus, in this last version of the program, A\$(4) became the letter A, A\$(5) became the letter B, and so on. You have just concatenated the string

ABCDE onto the string

XYZ

Erase the program you just used and type this portion of a new program:

HEW

100 DIM FIRST\$(100),SECOND\$(100)

110 INPUT "GIVE HE ABOUT HALF OF A S

ENTENCE: ",FIRST\$

120 INPUT "AND NOW THE SECOND HALF OF THE SENTENCE: ".SECOND\$

Now, suppose you wish to concatenate FIRST\$ and SECOND\$, storing the combined string in FIRST\$. From the last program, you know that you simply start SECOND\$ one element after the last character in FIRST\$. But you don't know how long FIRST\$ will be, except by use of the LEN function. So you can concatenate the two strings by using this statement:

130 FIRST\$( LEN(FIRST\$)+1)=SECOND\$

This line reveals the trick. You know that you want to place the second string one element beyond the end of the first string. Since LEN(FIRST\$) tells where the end of FIRST\$ is, then LEN(FIRST\$)+1 is one element after it ends. So that is where you want SECOND\$ to begin.

To watch this program work, type

140 PRINT FIRST\$

150 PRINT : PRINT : GOTO 110

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And that's how you can do concatenation.

# **ARRAYS**

In this section on arrays we use examples from mathematics, but they are from recreational mathematics and require nothing beyond elementary arithmetic. Nonetheless, if you feel put off by such things, just skim through this chapter. The APPLE II can do interesting numerical work, as well as string and graphical processing, and we thought it would be good to have a few examples of this type.

Arrays are neat. The programming power they give you more than compensates for the bit of thinking and experimenting it will take you to become familiar with them. They are like strings, except that an array holds numbers instead of letters. To create an array, you use a **DIM** statement, just as with strings.

DIM A (400)

Unlike strings, there is no upper limit for the amount of room you set aside for an array (except as dictated by the size of your computer's memory). Simply keep in mind that the longer your program, the less room you have for arrays, and vice versa.

The **DIM** statement above has given us 400 new variables. They behave exactly like the variables you have come to know and love. They are:

A(1)

A(2) A(3)

and se on, down to

A(400)

Although you may find them awkward to type, they can be used just as any other variable is used. The statement

# A(34) = 45 + A(192)

is perfectly correct. The number in parentheses is called a **subscript**, and the notation A(192) is read "A-sub-one-ninety-two."

Here is an interesting application which illustrates using arrays—it finds prime numbers. The prime numbers are whole numbers that can't be divided evenly (except by themselves, and one). For instance, 12 is not prime since it can be divided by 6 or by 4 or by 3 or by 2. But 17 is prime since the only numbers that divide it evenly are 17 and 1. Prime numbers have had a strange influence over people's minds since the ancient Greeks, if not before. They seem very mysterious, since they don't appear to occur in a pattern. Prime numbers have many useful properties in mathematics, and people have been trying for 2000 years to figure out a formula that would give them these numbers. So far, nobody has even found a formula that gives only primes (never-mind every prime). But while there is no formula (yet) that produces primes, we can write a program that will generate every prime—from 2 to the largest number the APPLE can handle, 32767. (Note: By mathematical convention, 1 is not considered a prime number.)

The idea is this: the program will look at every number (called **ISIT**, since we are asking is it a prime or not) and try to see if the number can be evenly divided by some other number (called the **TEST**). If **ISIT** can be divided, the program will go on to a higher **ISIT** and try that. If **ISIT** can't be divided, the program will print the value of **ISIT**, since it is a prime.

APPLE BASIC has an excellent way of testing whether ISIT is divisible by TEST: the MOD operator. If ISIT MOD TEST is zero, then TEST divides ISIT evenly. Our first try at the program might look like this:

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1 2 - 1

90 PRINT 2,

100 FOR ISIT=3 TO 32767

110 FOR TEST=2 TO ISIT-1

120 IF ISIT MOD TEST=0 THEN GOTO

160

130 NEXT TEST

140 REM IF WE GET HERE, WE HAVE A P

RIME HUMBER

150 PRINT ISIT,

160 NEXT ISIT

Some questions to think about—if you can answer them, you understand how the program works.

Why does the loop at line 100 start with 3 and not with 2?

Why does the loop at line 110 have an upper limit of ISIT-1?

This program is dreadfully slow. It will take days before it is done. Maybe weeks. We can easily double the speed by changing line 100 to read

### 100 FOR ISIT=3 TO 32767 STEP 2

which will skip over the even numbers, which (except for two) are never prime because they can all be divided by two. The next improvement comes in the second loop. We are trying to divide ISIT by every number less than itself. This is unnecessary. We only have to try dividing ISIT by primes. For if ISIT is divisible by some non-prime (call it Q) then ISIT is certainly divisible by a prime that divides into Q. So if we save all the primes we calculate, then we can just divide by these, and the program will speed up a lot. Now here is where we need an array—we will use one called PRIME to save all the primes that the program generates.

NEW

500 REM PROGRAM TO FIND PRIMES.

510 REM MAKE SOME ROOM FOR PRIMES.

520 DIM PRIME(4000)

530 REM USE "TOP" TO HOLD THE SUBSC RIPT OF LAST PRIME FOUND SO FAR.

540 TOP=1

550 REM SET THE FIRST PRIME.

560 PRIME(TOP)=3

600 REM MAIN LOOP LOOKS FOR POSSIBL E PRIMES.

610 FOR ISIT=3 TO 32767 STEP 2

620 REM SCAN THROUGH THE PRIMES SAV ED SO FAR AND DIVIDE BY EACH OF THEM.

638 FOR SUBSCRIPT=1 TO TOP

640 IF ISIT MOD PRIME(SUBSCRIPT) =0 THEN GOTO 800

650 NEXT SUBSCRIPT

690 REN IF THE PROGRAM GETS HERE, I SIT HAS BEEN DIVIDED BY ALL THE PRIMES AND WASN'T DIVIDED EVENLY BY ANY OF THEM.

700 REM ISIT IS PRIME.

710 PRINT ISIT,

720 REM SAVE THIS PRIME IN THE ARRA

730 TOP=TOP+1

740 PRIME(TOP)=ISIT

798 REM LOOK FOR NEXT PRIME.

800 NEXT ISIT

900 END

This program prints all the primes up to 32767 except 2 and 3. That problem can be remedied by adding the line

490 PRINT 2,3,

A program such as this one would be very hard to write without the help of arrays. We have included a lot of REMarks to make it easier for you to read.

Note: This program could run much faster if you divided ISIT, not by every prime, but only by those less than the square root of ISIT. If you are intrigued by such things, think of a way to do this in the program.

# **ERROR MESSAGES ABOUT ARRAYS**

If a subscript is negative, or larger than the amount specified in the **DIM** statement for that array, the message

\*\*\* RANGE ERR

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will appear. Expert programmers will always notice at what line the program failed. For example, the computer might say

\*\*\* RANGE ERR

STOPPED AT 740

At this point you would type

LIST 740

and the computer would print

740 PRIME(TOP)= ISIT

and you would know that the variable **TOP** had gone out of range. To see just what happened, you would type

PRINT TOP

and see exactly what value caused the problem. If you DIM PRIME to a small value, such as 5, you can see this error message in operation.

# **INITIAL VALUE OF ARRAYS**

When **RUN** is typed, all variables without subscripts are given the value zero. Elements of arrays, however, are *not* set to zero by **RUN**, **CLR**, or **RESET**. If you want an array to contain zeros, you must include a few program lines that set each array element to zero. Incidentally, notations such as **A(0)** and **PRIME(0)** are allowed. These are not array elements but are alternate (and generally useless) names tor the simple variables **A** and **PRIME**.

### DEBUGGING

By now you have typed in some programs that didn't run the way you expected. Whenever this happened you had to figure out what was wrong and fix it. This fixing is called "debugging" since a programming error is often called a "bug." The APPLE II has some features that will help you stomp out any bugs that might be in your programs. To demonstrate how to tind bugs, we need a program that has some.

First, a bit of background. If you multiply a number by itself, for example 5 \* 5, you get the square of the number, in this case 25. Conversely, we say that 5 is the square root of 25. Most integers, for example 20, don't have an integer for a square root. 5 is too big to be the square root of 20, and 4 (whose square is 16) is too small. Clearly, the square root is between 4 and 5.

It is easy to write a program to find the square of a number on the APPLE II (try it!), but how would you find the *approximate* square root of a number? First, notice that the largest square the APPLE II can handle is 32761. The square root of 32761 is 181, so any square root the APPLE can find must lie between 0 and 181. Here's how the square root program will work;

We know the square root of a number (which we will call **NUMBER**) must be between 0 and 181. Therefore we set up two counters **MIN** (for "minimum") and **MAX** (for "maximum"):

100 MIN=0

110 MAX=181

Now, here comes a neat trick. The program will guess a number somewhere between MIN and MAX. Then it will see if this number which will be called GUESS, is too large or too small. One way of getting between MIN and MAX is to choose a number halfway between them. This is done in the next line:

# 120 GUESS=(MIN+MAX)/2

Now we need to know whether this **GUESS** is larger than the correct square root, or smaller. The correct square root, when squared, would equal **NUMBER**, so let's square our **GUESS** 

130 SQUARE=GUESS\*GUESS

so that we can compare its square to NUMBER.

These statements contain the heart of the program. If SQUARE is too large, then we know that the true square root is less than GUESS. So we lower the value of MAX to GUESS. If SQUARE is too small, then we know the true square root is more than GUESS, so we raise the value of MIN to GUESS. As long as MAX and MIN are not equal, we must keep "guessing" new values for

GUESS. The safest guesses are between the new MIN and MAX, so we add this line

180 GOTO 120

which tells the computer to try again.

This way we squeeze MIN and MAX closer and closer together until the approximate square root is caught between them.

140 IF SQUARE>NUMBER THEN MAX=GUESS

150 IF SQUAREKNUMBER THEN MIN=GUESS

When MAX and MIN are equal, we have found the square root, so we program this line

160 IF MAX=MIN THEN GOTO 200 and at line 200 we can say

200 PRINT "THE SQUARE ROOT OF "; NUMBER

210 PRINT "IS APPROXIMATELY ":GUESS

Here is the program so far:

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110 MAX=181

120 GUESS=(NIN+MAX)/2

130 SQUARE=GUESS\*GUESS

140 IF SQUARE>NUMBER THEN MAX=GUESS

150 IF SQUAREKHUMBER THEN MIN≔GUESS

160 IF MAX=MIN THEN GOTO 200

180 GOTO 120

200 PRINT "THE SQUARE ROOT OF "
:NUMBER

210 PRINT "IS APPROXIMATELY "; GUESS

To test the program, add the statement

90 INPUT "OF WHAT NUMBER SHALL I FIND THE SQUARE ROOT", NUMBER

Run the program and when it asks

OF WHAT NUMBER SHALL I FIND THE SQUARE ROOT?

answer with

34 RETURN

so that we can follow the program together. Oops. Nothing happens. The program is doing something, but it is net finding the answer. The program is not quite right: it has some bugs. Stop it with





and find out what was happening. Type

PRINT NUMBER, GUESS, MIN, MAX, SQUARE

to see what these variables contained when you stopped the program. This will give you a valuable clue to what is geing on. NUMBER, of course, was 34. You might wonder why we bother printing this value, since the program isn't supposed to change it. Good question. NUMBER isn't supposed to be changed, but by printing it you know that it hasn't been changed. There can be a big difference between what a program is supposed to do and what it actually does. Just remember: don't trust anything you haven't tested. GUESS was 5, which is the correct answer, MIN was 5, which is fine, but MAX was 6.

Before you get carried away with fixing up the program, let's see what happens while it is running. Type

18 DSP MIN

20 DSP MAX

This means to DiSPlay the values of MIN and DiSPlay the values of MAX. You could also use

DSP MIN

without a line number, but you could not say RUN, as this clears the DiSPlay feature. You would have to start the program with a

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The program immediately asks for a value for SQUARE, and you type the 34 again—but get ready to hil





immediately. With good timing your screen will look like this photograph:



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This display shows that at line 100, MIN was set to 0 (correct); and then at line 110, MAX was set to 181 (as you expected). Then you can see MAX coming down to 11, while MIN (since it is not shown) stayed at zero. This demonstrates clearly how DSP works; every time a DiSPlayed variable is changed, the screen shows the line number and the variable name and its value. Handy, no?

After MAX got to 11, MIN moved up to 5, then MAX went to 8 and then to 6. Nothing ever changed after that, MIN just kept on being sel to 5 in line 150. Think about the program, Will MIN and MAX ever be the same number? SQUARE, as you can tell by a PRINT, is at 25, since GUESS is at 5. Another DiSPlay will convince you that GUESS is at 5 forever. Try it. So for the number 34, SQUARE will always be less than NUMBER, MIN will be set to GUESS forever, and MAX will never equal MIN. Try changing the program with this Instruction

150 IF MAX=MIN+1 THEN GOTO 200

RUN the program for several values of **NUMBER**. It always gives an answer with a maximum error of 1. Sometimes it doesn't get the *closest* integer to the square root, but it is never more than 1 away from a correct answer. Bull The program gives no answer at all when you give it a **NUMBER** which is a perfect square, such as 25. Try to use **DSP** and your head to find a fix. Our fix is next. No peeking.

Our fix, after a bit of head scratching, is to change line 140 to 149 IF SQUARE >= NUMBER THEN MAX=GUESS

Changing MAX when SQUARE is exactly equal to NUMBER, as well as when SQUARE is greater than NUMBER, makes the program work for exact squares. But then GUESS may or may not be the square root of NUMBER. However, MAX always is, so we change line 210 to read

210 PRINT "IS, ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST INTEGER IF NECESSARY, "; MAX

Now the program works fine, and the answer is exact for perfect squares, and is the correct answer rounded up to the nearest integer if **SQUARE** is not a perfect square. You can fiddle with the program to make it find the *nearest* integer, but we won't bother doing it here.

# A LAST WORD ON PRIMES

Now that we have a square root program and a prime program, it is hard to resist making a really fast prime-finding program by combining the two. When we were testing primes, we divided by every prime less than the number we were testing. But, it is not necessary to divide by every prime—only by every prime less than or equal to the square root of the number being tested. The reason is clear with a few minutes of thought, which we leave to you.

So we combined the two programs, and for still greater speed put as many statements as we could on one line, inside the main loop. The listing shows our fastest program so far. The steps above line 150 are only done once, so it doesn't matter how fast they are. They have been written out separately for clarity—which you should always do, unless there is a pressing need for speed or compactness. We set the **DIM** at 3600 because there are 3512 primes between 0 and 32766. We ran the program and had it print **TOP**. Notice that we have the loop stop at 32766. If you run it to 32767, you get a

\*\*\* >32767 ERR

32767 isn't a prime. 32767 = 7 \* 31 \* 151.

100 DIM PRINE(3600)

110 PRIME(1)=2

120 PRIME(2)=3

130 PRINT 2,3,

140 TOP=2

150 FOR GUESS=3 TO 32766 STEP 2

150 IF GUESS MOD PRIME(J)=0 THEN 500: IF PRIME(J)>=MAX THEN 400:J=J+1: GOTO 160

400 PRINT GUESS,:TOP=TOP+1:PRINE(
TOP)=GUESS:MIN=0:NAX=181

#10 ROOT=(MAX+MIN)/2:TRIAL=ROOT\*
ROOT: IF TRIAL>=GUESS THEN
MAX=ROOT: IF TRIAL<GUESS THEN
MIN=ROOT: IF MAX=MIN+1 THEN
500: GOTO 410

500 NEXT GUESS

510 END

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### SUBROUTINES

Imagine that there is a game for which you need a piece that looks like a blue horse with orange feet and a white face. Here is a program that draws such a piece:

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NEW

1000 REM PROGRAM TO DRAW BLUE HORSE
WITH WHITE FACE AND ORANGE FEET

1018 GR

1020 COLOR=7: REM LIGHT BLUE

1030 PLOT 15,15

1040 HLIN 15,17 AT 16

1050 COLOR=9: REM ORANGE

1060 PLOT 15,17

1070 PLOT 17,17

1080 COLOR=15: REM WHITE

1090 PLOT 14,15

2000 END
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There is nothing wrong with this program; it does draw a blue horse with orange feet and a white face. Now, suppose you needed to draw another horse somewhere else on the screen. You could rewrite this program with new values for X and Y. But that is a bother. There should be some way of using the same program to put a figure anywhere on the screen without having to rewrite it each time.

The key to doing this begins with the observation that you can *move* a point which is at co-ordinates (A,B) to the *right* by *adding* to A, the first co-ordinate. For example, the peint (4,17) moves 10 columns to the right if you add 10 to the first co-ordinate, making the point (14,17). Likewise, a point moves *left* if you *subtract* from the first co-ordinate (or add a negative value). A simple experiment will show you that adding to and subtracting from the second co-ordinate moves points down and up, respectively.

With these facts in mind, you can rewrite your program to "center" the horse at almost any point (X,Y) on the screen. Why "almost" any point? Because, if you choose a center point at an edge of the screen, the horse will go off the screen, and this might give you a \*\*\*\* RANGE ERR message. Here is an improved program:

1000 REM PUT A HORSE ANYWHERE ON THE SCREEN

1010 COLOR=7: REM LIGHT BLUE
1020 PLOT X,Y-1
1030 HLIN X,X+2 AT Y
1040 COLOR=9: REM ORANGE
1050 PLOT X,Y+1
1060 PLOT X+2,Y+1
1070 COLOR=15: REM WHITE

You notice that both the GR and the END have been left out. We want to use this part of the program to put several horses on the screen. A GR here would clear the screen before each new horse was drawn. An END statement here would stop the program right after the first horse was displayed.

This program can't be run, just as it is. First you must set graphic mode, and choose X and Y. A good first try at using the horse program might be:

20 GR
30 REM CHOOSE THE FIRST HORSE CENT
ER
40 X=12
50 Y=35

If you try to RUN this, you do get a horse at the desired location, but the program ends there. We want to put two horses on the screen. What if you could write

60 Do the program at line 1000 and then come back to line 70

70 REM CHOOSE THE SECOND HORSE CENTER

80 X=33

90 Y=2

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100 Do the program at line 1000 and then come back to line 110

1 to END

Wouldn't that be nice and easy? You know that the computer can't read those strange instructions at lines 60 and 100. But it can read

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in BASIC. The GOSUB instruction tells the computer to GO to the SUBroutine beginning at line 1000 and start executing at that statement. It also tells the computer to come back to the line that follows the GOSUB statement when it is finished with the subroutine. The computer knows it is finished when it encounters a RETURN statement. To make your horse-drawing partial-program into a subroutine, add the line

### 1090 RETURN

Now you can write that "what if you only could" program:

28 GR

30 REM CHOOSE THE FIRST HORSE CENT

40 X=12

50 Y=35

68 GOSUB 1888

70 REM CHOOSE THE SECOND HORSE CENT

80 X=33

90 Y=2

100 GOSUB 1000

118 END

RUN the program.

In effect, you have added a new statement to BASIC: a horse-drawing statement. Now whenever you use the statement

### G0SUB 1000

the computer will draw one of these special horses at whatever X,Y location you have chosen.

# TRACES

The portion of the program from line 1000 to line 1090 is called a **sub-routine** or subprogram. The portion of the program from line 20 to line 100 is called the *main program*.

To see the program's flow, or path of execution, we can invoke a special feature. Add this line to the main program:

### 10 TRACE

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and, for a moment, delete line 20. Put the APPLE II into TEXT mode and RUN the program.

The numbers you see on the screen are the line-numbers of each statement, as it is executed. You can see how the program begins at line 10, continues through the main program until the subroutine call, then executes the subroutine, goes back to the main program, executes the subroutine again, and finally finishes the main program. TRACE is very handy when you are having problems with a program. If you want to TRACE only part of a program, you can use the NOTRACE statement. Add this line:

### 65 HOTRACE

Now the program will be TRACEd only up to the execution of line 65.

TRACE can also be issued in the immediate mode, like DSP. Simply type

TRACE

RUN

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and your program will be TRACEd.

Note: **DSP** without a line number is cleared by a RUN command. But once you have issued the **TRACE** command, whether in immediate mode or as a statement in your program, your program will be **TRACE**d every time you RUN it, from then on. To step **TRACE**, you must issue a **NOTRACE**, either in a line of your program, or in immediate mode:

HOTRACE

# A BETTER HORSE-DRAWING SUBROUTINE

Subroutines should be written so that problems from possible errors do not arise when the program is RUN. One problem with our horse-drawing subroutine is that some values of X and Y will cause the horse to go off the edge of the screen. This can be prevented by a set of statements such as:

t0t2 IF Xkt THEN X=1 t014 IF X>37 THEN X=37 10t6 IF Y<1 THEN Y=1 1018 IF Y>38 THEN Y=38 (Why should the maximum Y value be 38, while X must be limited to 37?)

If there is any attempt to locate a horse off the screen, the horse will be moved to the nearest edge. There are other possible strategies, such as giving an error message and stopping the program. However, our choice has the advantage that it doesn't stop the program, and you can see that something is happening.

Sometimes you want to be able to change the values in a subroutine for different program **GOSUB**s. For example, a second player may want to place a piece, and that should be a horse of a different color. One way to do this would be to type in the whole subroutine again, with different colors. However, let's try using *variables* rather than numbers. Instead of line 1010 saying COLOR= 7, it could say

1010 COLOR=BODY

Similarly, you could write

1040 COLOR=FEET

Then the main program could go like this:

20 GR

30 REM CHOOSE COLOR OF FIRST PLAYER'S HORSE

40 BODY=7: REM LIGHT BLUE

50 FEET=9: REM ORANGE

AA FACE=15: REM WHITE

70 REM CHOOSE CENTER OF FIRST PLRY ER'S HORSE

88 X=15

98 Y=30

100 GOSUB 1000

and so on (be sure to follow with an END statement, before you try to RUN it). That's a lot of statements each time you want a horse, but it is still fewer than if you had to type out the entire horse program each time. For additional programming ease, a rather subtle trick is to have a subroutine for each color horse—and have those subroutines call the horse-drawing subroutine, in turn.

2000 REM ROUTINE DRAWS BLUE HORSE WI TH ORANGE FEET AND WHITE FACE 2013 BODY=7: REM LIGHT BLUE 2020 FEET=9: REM ORANGE

2030 FACE=15: REM WHITE

2040 GOSUB 1000

2050 RETURN

2500 REM ROUTINE DRAWS ORANGE HORSE WITH PINK FEET AND GREEN FACE

2510 BODY=9: REM ORANGE

2520 FEET=11: REM PINK

2530 FACE≃12: REM GREEN

2540 GOSUB 1000

2550 RETURN

Now all you need, to put a blue horse with white tace and orange feet at (10,11), is

30 REM FIRST PLAYER'S HORSE

40 X=18

58 Y=11

60 GOSUB 2000

To put an orange horse at (19,2) all you need is

70 REM SECOND PLAYER'S HORSE

88 X=19

90 Y=2

100 GOSUB 2500

Each of these subroutines, 2000 and 2500, calls subroutine 1000. Things get to be quite efficient at this stage. Once you have written a good subroutine that checks for errors, that uses variables you can set in the calling program (which may be the main program or another subroutine), then you can pyramid other subroutines upon it. This makes main programs very easy to write. Using the three subroutines, it is very easy to put up an attractive display of horses. But first, another handy routine:

3000 REM CHOOSE A RANDOM PAIR OF CO-ORDINATES

3010 X= RND (38)+1

3020 Y= RND (39)+1

3030 RETURN

# And, now for the main program

10 REM SET GRAPHICS NODE

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30 REM CHOOSE A RANDOM POINT

48 GOSUB 3000

50 REM PUT A BLUE HORSE THERE

69 GOSUB 2000

70 REM CHOOSE ANOTHER RANDOM POINT

80 GOSUB 3000

98 REM PUT AN ORANGE HORSE THERE

100 GOSUB 2500

110 REM DO IT ALL AGAIN

120 GOTO 30

THIS is how a main program should look if you are a good programmer: mostly **REM**s and **GOSUB**s. The work should be done in relatively short subroutines, each of which is easy to write, and complete in itself. To see how this sample program does its stuff, feel free to use **TRACE**.

To make this program even easier to read, you might substitute variables—with easily recognized names—for the numbers in the **GOSUB** statements:

22 CHOOSEPOINT=3000

24 BLUEHOSS=2000

26 ORANGEHOSS=2500

28 DRAWHOSS=1000

Now see how easy it is to understand statements such as

40 GOSUB CHOOSEPOINT

or

60 GOSUB BLUEHOSS

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This book has presented the core of APPLE's BASIC. If you now go through this book again, writing your own programs with the statements that have been presented here, you will solidify your knowledge considerably. There are many more abilities in the APPLE II; and once you have mastered these, there are whole new worlds for you to explore.

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# APPLE COMPUTER MESSAGES: THEIR CAUSES AND CURES

At times, your APPLE will print a message to you that is not the result of a PRINT statement in your program. These messages usually indicate that some kind of error has been made. All computer systems give error messages. They are part of the milieu. If you think of them as friendly suggestions, rather than as nagging reminders, you will find programming all the more enjoyable. Messages fall into tour natural groups. The first can occur when you are typing a program. The second group occurs during execution of a program. The third group is associated with responding to an INPUT statement. The last group occurs when you are using the cassette tape recorder. Some messages are associated with more than one group.

### **GROUP I MESSAGES**

These messages usually occur when you are typing in a program or instruction.

### \*\*\* SYNTRX ERR

This is the mest common message. The APPLE II is saying, "I don't understand that." What you have typed is not a well-formed BASIC statement. Rethink (if necessary) and retype the statement. Sometimes these errors are a bit obscure, such as typing the letter 0h for the number zero or vice versa. It is never difficult to correct a syntax error.

### \*\*\* TOO 1 ONG ERR

You have typed a statement that is too long—that is, one containing more than about 127 characters. Break it up into two or more shorter statements.

The backslash is printed, after several warning "beeps," when you have typed a line exceeding 255 characters. Although the characters remain on the screen, the computer forgets all of the statement up to the backslash and lets you start over.

### \*\*\* >32767 ERR

You have typed a number greater than 32767 or less than -32767. Think small.

### ### >255 ERR

Some things in BASIC must not be less than zero or greater than 255; for example, the numbers in a **PLOT** statement. This is the message you get. Think smaller, but remain positive.

# **GROUP II MESSAGES**

Messages of this type occur most commonly during the execution of a program. These messages are usually accompanied by a further message such as

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which tells you what line the computer was trying to execute when the problem was discovered.

### \*\*\* BAD BRANCH ERR

If you attempt a GOTO or GOSUB to a certain line number, and that line number doesn't exist (perhaps it was erased accidentally), you will get this error.

### \*\*\* BAD RETURN ERR

To execute a **RETURN**, you must be in a subroutine which you reached by executing a **GOSUB**. This message occurs when you try to **RETURN** from some point in the program that was not reached by executing a **GOSUB**. In other words, you have just tried to execute one more **RETURN** than the number of **GOSUB**s you've executed.

### \*\*\* BAD NEXT ERR

To execute a **NEXT**, there must be some **FOR** statement that has been executed, and that hasn't finished its job. This message occurs when you attempt to execute a **NEXT**, without the previous execution of a corresponding **FOR**. A **FOR** and **NEXT** correspond when they are followed by the same variable name, such as **FOR** X = 2 **TO** 5 and **NEXT** X = 2

#### \*\*\* 16 GOSUBS ERR

An unlikely error to happen. It means that one subroutine had a **GOSUB** to another subroutine that had a **GOSUB** that went to another subroutine that had a **GOSUB** . . . 16 times. The cure? Depends on how the subroutine got nested. A program like

### 100 GOSUB 200 200 GOTO 100

which GOSUBs over and over without any RETURNs will give the message. Make sure that each subroutine gets back to where it was called from by means of a RETURN. If the message arose because you really had 16 nested subroutines, you will have to make your program less ambitious or write out one of the subroutines where it is needed. (You may have as many sub-

routines as will fit in your APPLE, this restriction only applies to nested sub-routines.)

### \*\*\* 16 FORS ERR

There were more than 16 nested FOR loops. Replace one or more of the FOR loops with written-out loops.

### \*\*\* NO END ERR

If you don't like this message, make sure that the last statement executed is an END. Usually, when this message appears, nothing at all is wrong with your program.

### \*\*\* MEM FULL ERR

One way this can occur is if you write a program, or the program uses data, that requires more memory than you have installed in your APPLE II. This message can also occur when loading tapes, in which case it may not mean that memory is tull. See GROUP IV messages below.

### \*\*\* TOO LONG ERR

If someone is typing in response to an **INPUT** statement and they type more than 128 characters, they will get this message. Tell the person to be less verbose. This message can also arise if there are more than 12 nested sets of parentheses, as in a complicated arithmetic operation. In this case you can break up the expression into two or more simpler expressions.

#### \*\*\* DIM ERR

If a variable has been dimensioned, and you attempt to dimension it again under certain conditions, this message will appear. Just dimension strings and arrays once, and this message will not occur.

### \*\*\* RANGE ERR

This can occur a number of ways: if a subscript to an array is larger than allowed by the corresponding **DIM** statement; if a subscript is less than 1; if arguments to **HLIN**, **VLIN**, **PLOT**, **TAB** or **VTAB** are too large. In any case, make sure that the subscript or argument does not go out of range.

### \*\*\* >32767 ERR

An **INPUT** statement or a calculation has given a number greater than 32767 or less than -32767. Tell the user to **INPUT** smaller numbers, or make sure your program generates smaller numbers.

### ##\* >255 ERR

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Some things in BASIC must not be less than zero or greater than 255; for example, the arguments to COLOR, PLOT, and TAB statements. If your program or a user's response to an INPUT statement exceeds that range, this message will appear.

### #\*\* STR OVEL ERR

You get this message when you try to put more characters in a string than you said you would in your **DIM** statement.

### \*\*\* STRING ERR

Almost any mistake involving strings can give this message. Inspect the offending statement, print out any values, and correct the cause.

### STOPPED AT XXX

Where xxx is a line number. This message usually follows an error message, and tells you in which statement the error occured. This message is also given when (CTRL) C is typed to stop a program in the middle of execution.

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There are two kinds of messages that begin with a pound sign (#). An example of the first kind is

### #120 #130 #250

and so on, perhaps filling the screen. These are line numbers being shown, in order of execution, as a result of the TRACE feature being enabled. To turn it off, type

### NUTRACE

and the numbers and pound signs will stop appearing. The other kind looks like

### #15 I=55 #20 J=3

and so on. This is the result of a DSP statement in the program, which causes each variable named in the DSP statement to be displayed, with its current value and the line number, every time it is used in a statement. Eliminate the DSP statement(s) if this output is unwanted.

# **GROUP III**

These messages occur when someone is typing in response to an INPUT statement's request.

### \*\*\* TOO LONG ERR

You have typed more than 128 characters. Make your reply shorter next time you run the program. This can really mess up a non-programmer who is using your program, so warn people not to just type a lot of garbage when using your programs that require input. See this message in GROUP II.

### RETYPE LINE

Notice that this message does not have three asterisks in front of it. It means that the information typed was not of the sort expected by the **INPUT** stalement. The information should be retyped. The program has not been stopped. This message usually arises when someone types characters when numbers are expected, or types the wrong number of numbers. The best cure is prevention: make sure the message that preceeds the user's response is clear.

### **GROUP IV**

These messages arise when LOADing programs from the cassette tape recorder.

### FRR

\*\*\* MEM FULL ERR

# ERR\*\*\* MEM FULL ERR

Any one of these three messages means the same thing: the tape has not read correctly. When loading, the \*\*\* MEM FULL ERR usually means that the tape has not read correctly. But if it is a long tape and you have a small (4K for example) machine, it *might* mean that the program on the tape is too long. If the tape was made on your computer, then it can't be too big. If it is a tape provided by APPLE or any other source, it should be marked with the memory requirements.

If the program on the tape is not too long, then either the volume control is too low or too high, the tone control is not at maximum, or some other problem exists in your tape recorder. To check out your tape recorder, follow the instructions in the material that came with the APPLE.

# MAKING PROGRAMS RUN FASTER

You may occasionally wish to make a program run as fast as possible. To do this, some of the niceties of programming may have to be sacrificed. For example, since it takes time to skip over **REM** statements, when you are going for speed these should all be moved to the end of the program (after the **END** statement). This, like the other tricks being described here, makes the program less readable and more difficult to debug and modify. But racing cars are not made to be comfortable and carry a lamily of six to a picnic.

Here are some tips which can be used to speed up your programs:

- 1. Omit REMs or relocate them to the end of the program.
- Place all subroutines before the main program, with the most commonly used subroutines coming first.
- Use one-letter variable names. Shorter names run faster. Commonly used variable names should appear early in the program. Minimize the number of different variable names: reuse the same variable names wherever possible.
- 4. Use FOR loops instead of written-out loops.
- Place as many statements as possible on one line, separating them with colons. It takes time to process line numbers.
- 6. Calculate common subexpressions once instead of each time they are needed. An example: You wish to test an element of an array T(M), and if it is not zero, to let B equal the element squared divided by 5. You could write

# IF T(M)#8 THEN B=(T(M)\*T(M))/5

But it would be much faster in execution if you wrote

### A=T(N): IF A#0 THEN B=A\*A/5

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Removing extra parentheses also adds speed—again at the expense of clarity. Use the rules of precedence.

- 7. If a subroutine is called from only one place in a program, write out the subroutine as part of the program. GOSUBs and RETURNs take time. If it is a short subroutine and is called from only two or three places, you may wish to write it out each time it is needed. This trades some memory space for speed.
- 8. Parts of a program that are executed only once do not need to be compressed for speed. Save your attention for those parts of the program that run repeatedly, in loops. For example, eliminating a GOSUB (as suggested in tip 7) is only worthwhile if the subroutine is called many times, from the same point in a loop.

Remember: these techniques are generally poor programming techniques and should only be used if you need to make a program run more rapidly. Many of these same tips will make a program fit into a smaller space as well as run faster. The exception is tip 7. Unless a subroutine is only one or two brief statements long or is called from only one place, using the subroutine

takes less room in memory than writing it out each time it is needed. Good use of subroutines can save a great deal of space.

There is one method of saving time and space in a program that beats all the others combined: find a better method for solving the problem. Since this is an encyclopaedic topic (there are hundreds of books and articles describing better techniques for solving problems with computers), we offer only one idea: when your program works correctly, and you want it to run faster, throw the program away (or hide the tape for a few days). Then reprogram the entire problem from the ground up. This method really works!

# SOME OTHER FUNCTIONS AND ABILITIES

These are some miscellaneous items that are part of APPLE II BASIC, but were not mentioned in the main body of the book.

LET

The verb "LET" is allowed (as in LET T=6) for compatibility with earlier BASICs. It is not necessary.

ASC

This function returns a unique numerical value for each character. An example of its use is:

PRINT ASC("X")

which prints a numerical value for the letter "X." This numerical value is the ASCII code for the letter. If the value returned is greater than 128 then you must subtract 128 from the value to get the standard ASCII code.

The function SCRN(X,Y) returns a number representing the color of the screen at the point (X,Y).

ABS

The function ABS(M) returns the absolute value of M. ABS (4) is 4, ABS (-67) is 67, and ABS (0) is 0.

The Function SGN(M) returns -1 if M is negative, 0 if M is zero, and 1 if M is positive.

There are two instructions, IN# and PR#, that are used to control accessories. Directions on how to use these instructions are included with the accessories.

When two or more NEXT statements occur one immediately after the other, as in

200 NEXT J 210 NEXT K 220 NEXT R

they may be combined in one statement 200 NEXT J.K.R.

There is also a POP command. See the APPLE II Reference Manual for a description of this command, which allows you to leave a subroutine without using a market.

# POKE, PEEK AND CALL

Underneath the friendly plastic case and convenient BASIC language of your APPLE II lurks an even more powerful, but somewhat harder to use, naked microcomputer. You may never need to summon this genie (whose master, the Monitor, is covered in a separate manual), but you can get in touch with it from BASIC. This genie, who is called the 6502, is programmed in a language known as Assembly Language—which you do not need to know in order to use the APPLE II. However, when you master BASIC, and are looking for new worlds to conquer, remember that you can learn what lies beneath?

Some handy programs have been written in Assembly Language and are available to you even if you don't program in that language. To invoke these programs, you use statements that begin with the word "CALL." For example, you might want to clear the screen in the course of a program. Since you can't make a program type

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you would include a statement such as

310 CALL -936

This instruction inserts an assembler program for clearing the screen into your BASIC program. Other CALLs will be explained later.

Every computer has memory locations. On the APPLE they are numbered from -32767 to 32767. Normally, you do not even need to know that these locations exist, since BASIC uses them automatically. But, as you will see, there are times when you may want to put something into a particular memory location, or to see what is in a memory location. Putting something into a memory location is done with a POKE command, and examining such a location is done with a PEEK command. Some useful POKEs and PEEKs are covered next.

# REFERENCE LIST OF POKES, PEEKS, AND CALLS

There are various POKEs, PEEKs and CALLs available in APPLE BASIC. The ones most commonly used are explained in full.

# **FULL SCREEN GRAPHICS**

To understand the first set of POKEs, you need to understand how the TV screen's area is allocated. Up to now, graphics on the screen have been on a

40 by 40 grid, with four lines at the bottom for text. If you wish, you can devote the entire screen to graphics, with no area saved for text. The instruction to do this is

POKE -16302,0

To get back to mixed text and graphics use

POKE -16301,0

When the entire screen is graphics, you can use Y values from 0 to 47 instead of 0 to 39. Here's a program that uses full-screen graphics.

90 REM STARRY NIGHT PROGRAM

199 GR

110 REM SET TO FULL-SCREEN GRAPHICS

120 POKE -16302.0

130 REM CLEAR BOTTOM OF SCREEN

140 COLOR=0: FOR I=40 TO 47: HLIN 0.39 AT I: NEXT I

150 REM PLOT STARS AND SPACES

160 COLOR= RND (15)+1

170 PLOT RND (40), RND (47)

180 COLOR=8

190 FOR I=1 TO 60

200 PLOT RND (40), RND (47)

210 NEXT I

220 GOTO 160

# **HOW TO INTERRUPT A PROGRAM BY TYPING A KEY**

The starry night program runs forever until you stop it with a conturn off the computer. But let's say that you wanted it to run until you directed it to do something else. You need to be able to *interrupt* the program without stopping it. Change line 190 as follows

190 FOR I=1 TO DARK

Add this line

95 DARK=68

Test the program, it should run as it did before. Now change line 220 and add some new lines:

220 REM HAS ANY KEY BEEN PRESSED?

230 IF PEEK (-16384)<127 THEN GOTO

248 POKE -16368.0

250 DARK=DARK-30: IF DARK<0 THEN
DARK=60

260 GOTO 160

Try the new program. The value at location -16384 is usually less than 127. When any key is hit (except for this value suddenly changes to be greater than 127. Thus by testing this location every time we go through the loop, we can tell approximately when a key has been hit, and make the program do this or that accordingly. It is good form always to have the statement POKE -16368,0 right after the PEEK that reads the keyboard. This resets the keyboard so that your program can see when the next key is hit. At each press of any key (the space bar is especially handy) the "sky" will get brighter. Wait a while to see the effect and then hit the key again. Finally the value of DARK will be zero and the sky will be fully bright—good morning! Then you can press a key again, and have your starry sky.

# **GENERATING SOUNDS**

As you have seen,

PEEK (-16336)

clicks the speakers of the APPLE II.

POKE -16336,0

will also click the speaker, and any program which repeatedly PEEKs or POKEs the address -16336 will produce a steady tone.

# THE GAME-CONTROL BUTTON

You can tell if the buttons on the controllers are being pressed by PEEKing

-16287 for the button on controller number zero, and

- 16286 for the button on controller number one.

Try this program:

10 CALL -936

20 YTAB 10

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30 PRINT "BUTTON ZERO= "; PEEK (-16287)>127

40 PRINT "BUTTON ONE= "; PEEK (-16286)>127
50 GOTO 20

The result of the PEEKs in lines 30 and 40 will be greater than 127 if the appropriate button is being pressed.

### TIRED OF WHITE ON BLACK?

The statement

POKE 50,63

will make all text printed by the computer appear in inverse (black on white), while the text you type will remain white on black.

POKE 50.255

will set things back to normal.

# **TEXT WINDOWING**

When BASIC comes up, the text appears in all 40 columns. When the cursor reaches the end of the bottom line, the whole screen "scrolls" up. Using a POKE statement, you can make a smaller area scroll and the rest of the screen stand still. The area that scrolls is called the "scrolling window." All text activity will occur inside this "window." The POKEs that set the dimensions of this window are:

**POKE 32, LEFTEDGE** 

POKE 33, WIDTH

POKE 34, TOP

POKE 35, BOTTM (we can't use the variable name BOTTOM because of the TO in botTOm)

The values are normally set to:

LEFTEDGE = 0

WIDTH = 40

TOP = 0

BOTTM = 24

which results in the scrolling window being the entire screen (40 characters per line by 24 lines per screen). POKEing these locations with different values will change the dimensions of the scrolling window. After changing the dimensions of the scrolling window, you must always move the cursor "into" the new window by means of either VTABs and TABs or the statement CALL-936. If you forget to move the cursor into the new window, any PRINT statements will print in wrong places on the screen and the screen will seem to behave very strangely (it will not damage any programs, however). Type this program in:

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10 REM CLEAR THE SCREEN

20 CALL -936

30 REM SET NEW WINDOW DIMENSIONS

40 LEFTEDGE=15

50 WIDTH=12

60 TOP=10

70 BOTTM=17

80 REM CHANGE SCROLLING WINDOW

90 POKE 32, LEFTEDGE: POKE 33, WIDTH: POKE 34.TOP: POKE 35.BOTTM

100 REM MOVE THE CURSOR INSIDE THE

110 CALL -936

120 REM PRINT SOME STARS

130 PRINT "\*":: GOTO 130

Try changing the dimensions of the scrotling window in lines 40 through 70 and RUNing the program. To return to the original scrolling window (the entire screen,  $40 \times 24$ ) you can set the variables back to the original values and run the program or you can hit and re-enter BASIC using





will always set the scrolling window to be the entire screen. Have fun.

# **COMPARING STRINGS**

Two strings may be compared for equality as was done at line 320 in the program on page 89. Two strings may be compared for *inequality* using the # symbol. The other symbols used for comparing the magnitude of numbers (>>=<<=<>) may not be used with strings. You may not print the result of a string compare directly:

10 PRINT A\$=B\$

will give you a syntax error, however

10 C = A\$=B\$: PRINT C

is legal, and will print a 1 or a 0 depending on whether A\$ is equal to B\$ or not. This is a quirk in the language.

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ESC (27) 9
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Space (32) 25, 55, 73, 89, 90
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" (34) 29, 37
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